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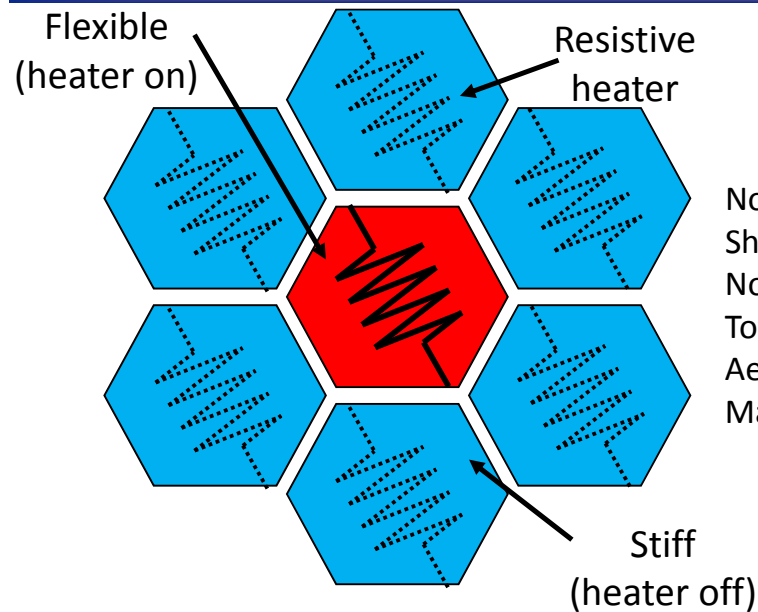
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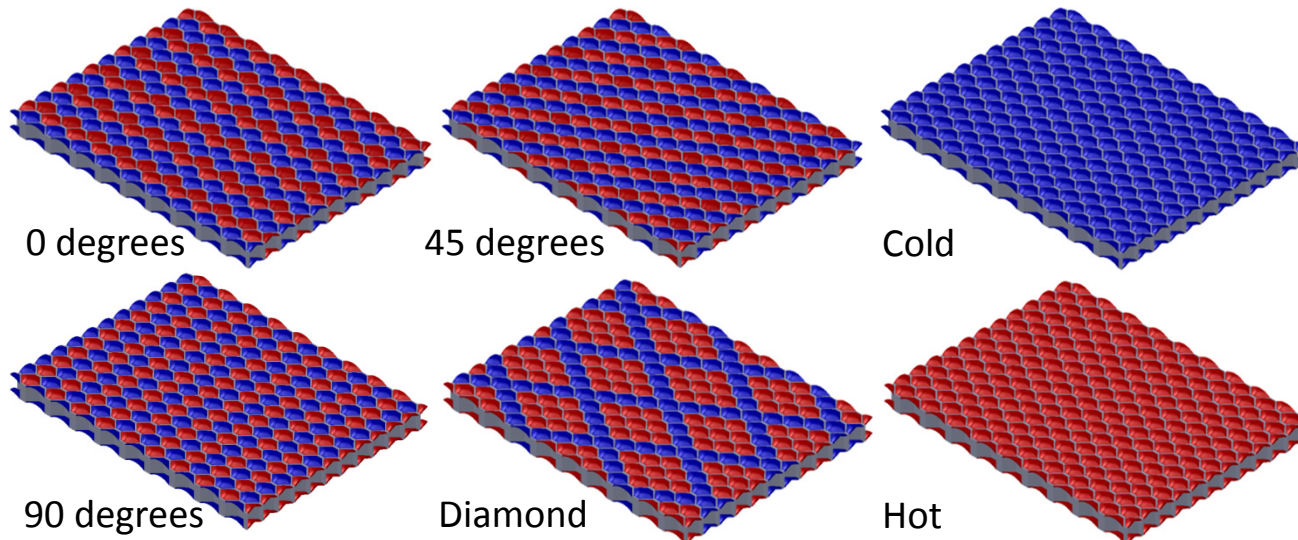
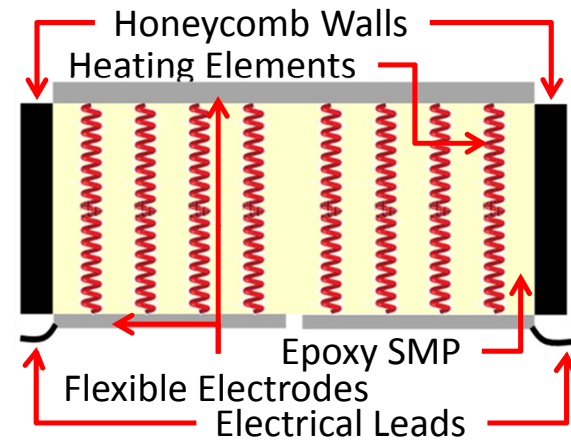


Project Outline



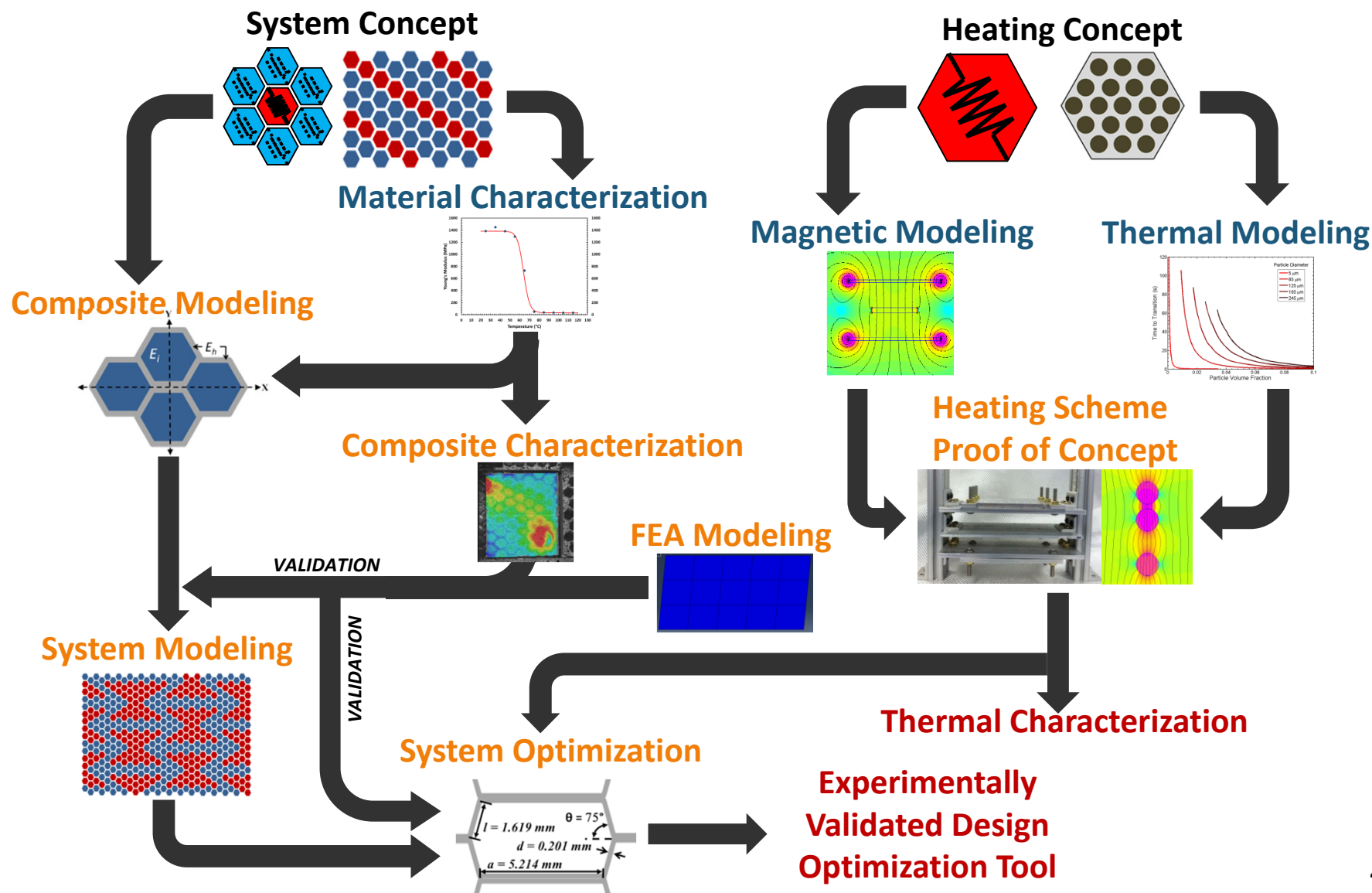
Skin Objectives (via MAS)

Nominal Panel Size 15" x 20"
Shear from 30° to 75°
No Wrinkling of Skin
Total Skin Weight <0.95 lb/sqft
Aerodynamic Load 400lb/sqft
Max Out-of-Plane Deflection 0.1"



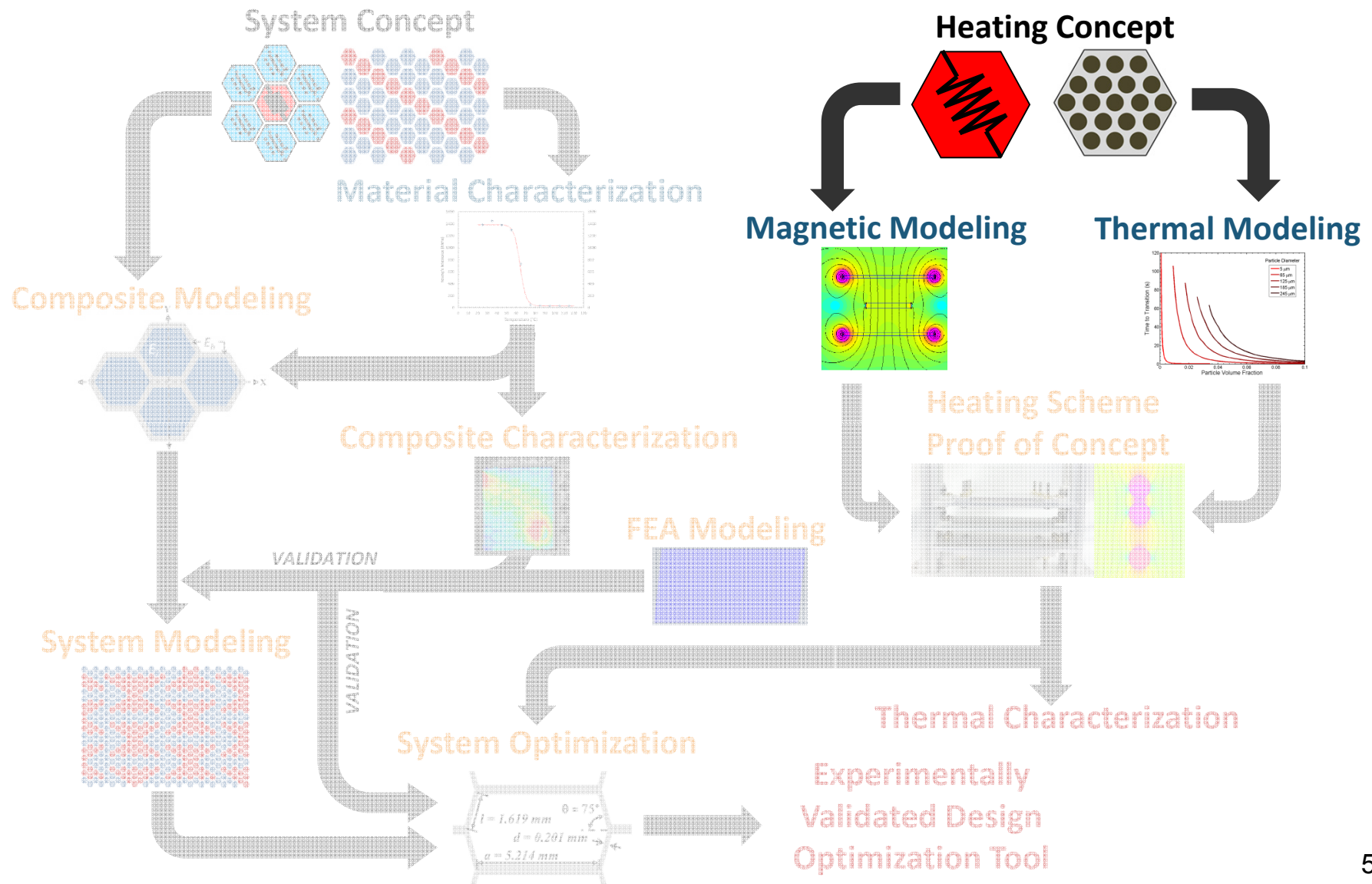
Heating Patterns

0 degrees
+45 degrees
-45 degrees
90 degrees
Diamond
Large Honeycomb
Auxetic
Isotropic
0 Poisson
Top/Bottom
Left/Right





Project Roadmap

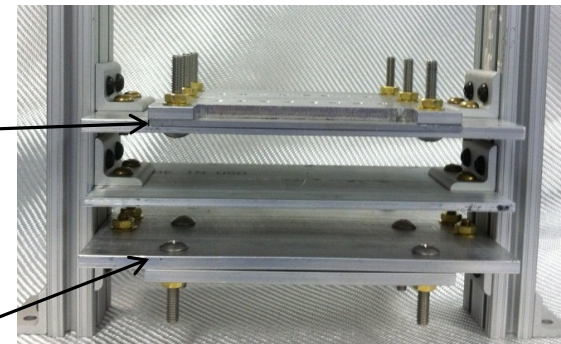
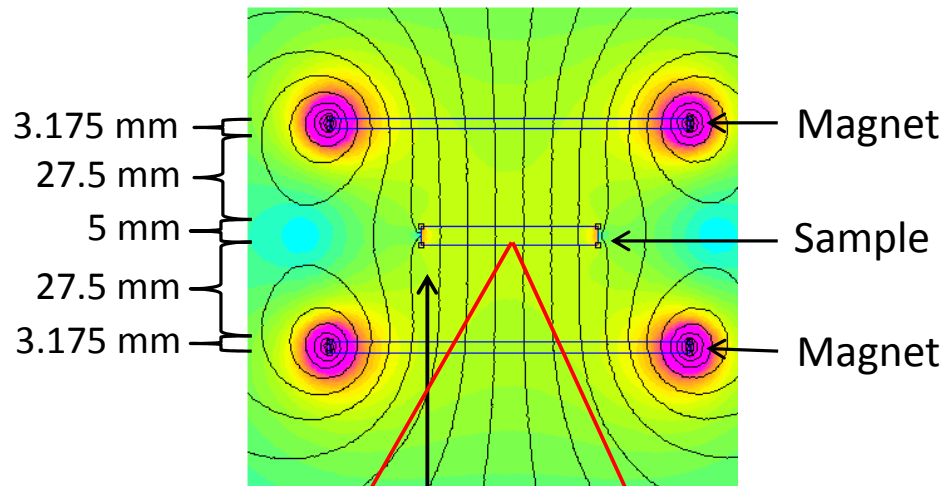




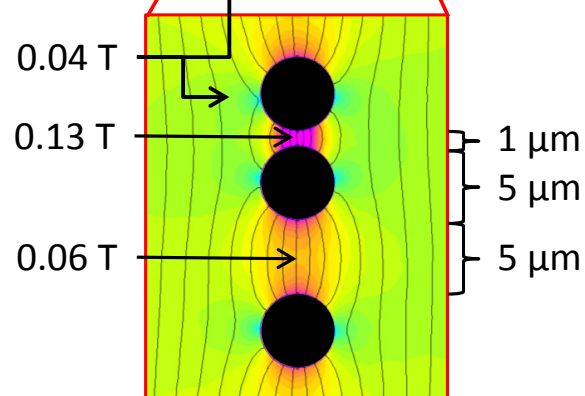
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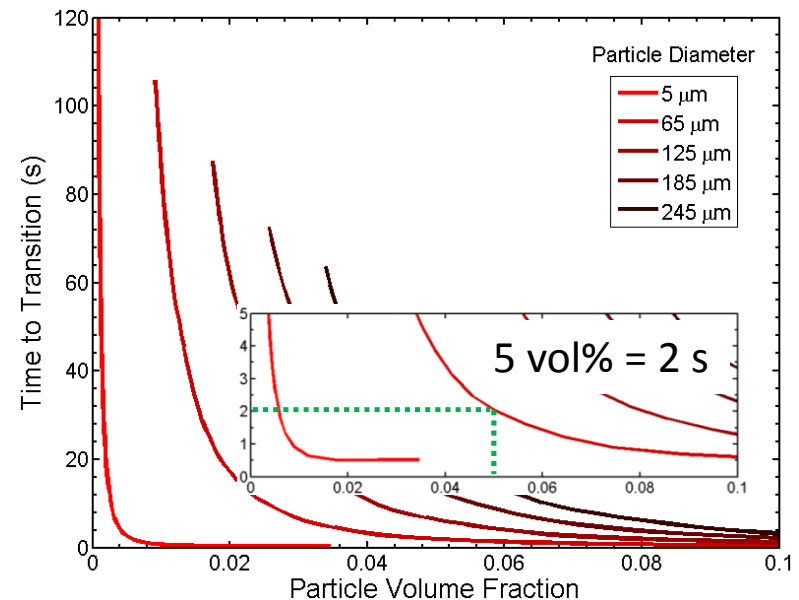
Magnetic Field Lines Between Two Magnets



Nickel: 3-7 μm diameter
Epoxy SMP
Neodymium (NdFeB) N42SH magnets



Magnetic Field Lines b/t Ni Particles







Heating Scheme Proof of Concept



Velocity of a particle subject to a pulsating fluid

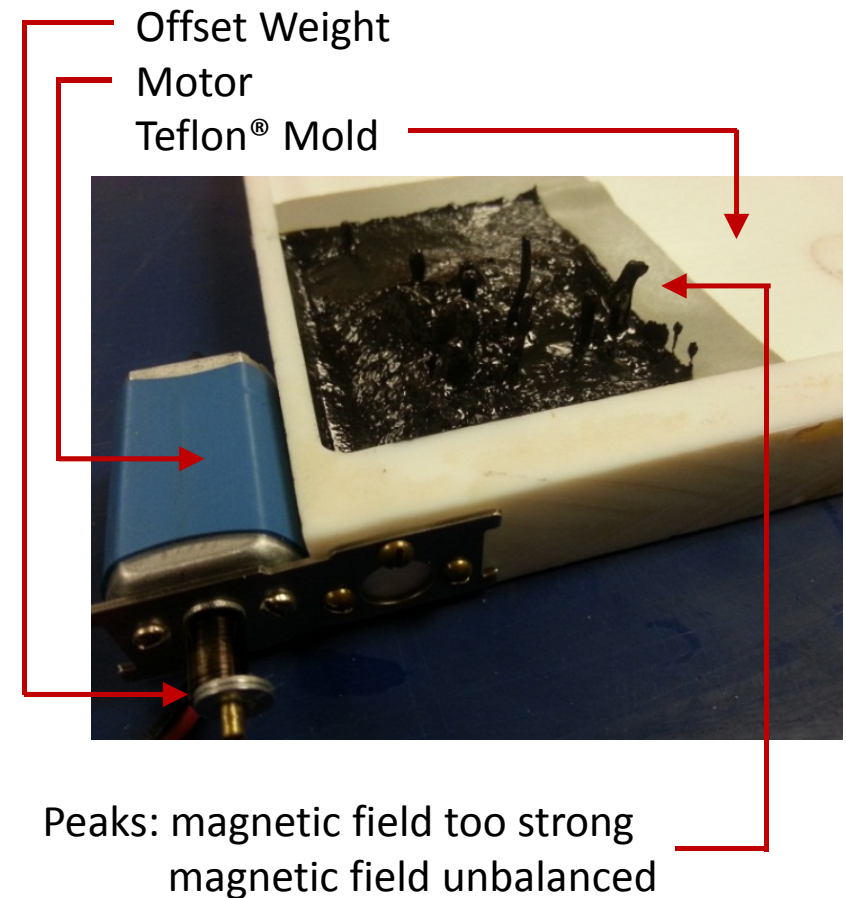
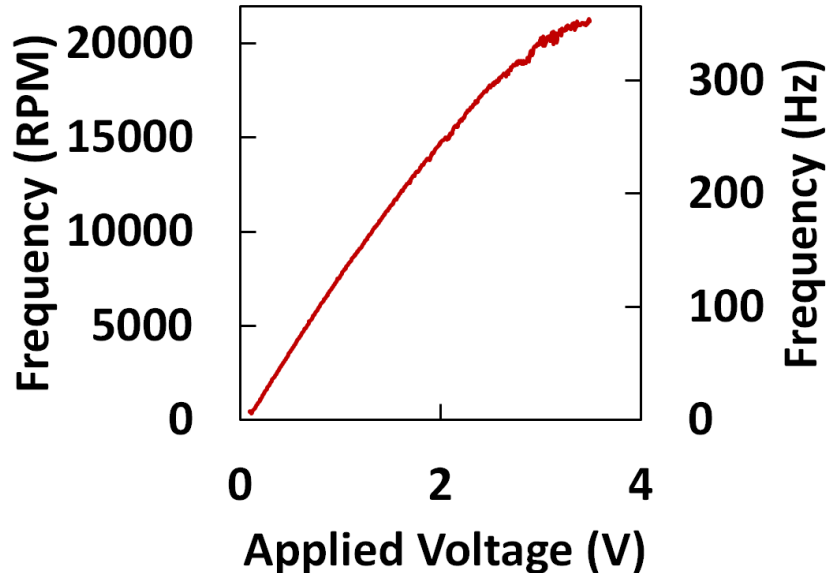
$$u = \frac{3\rho}{\rho + 2\rho_s} v_\infty$$

u particle velocity

ρ fluid density

ρ_s particle density

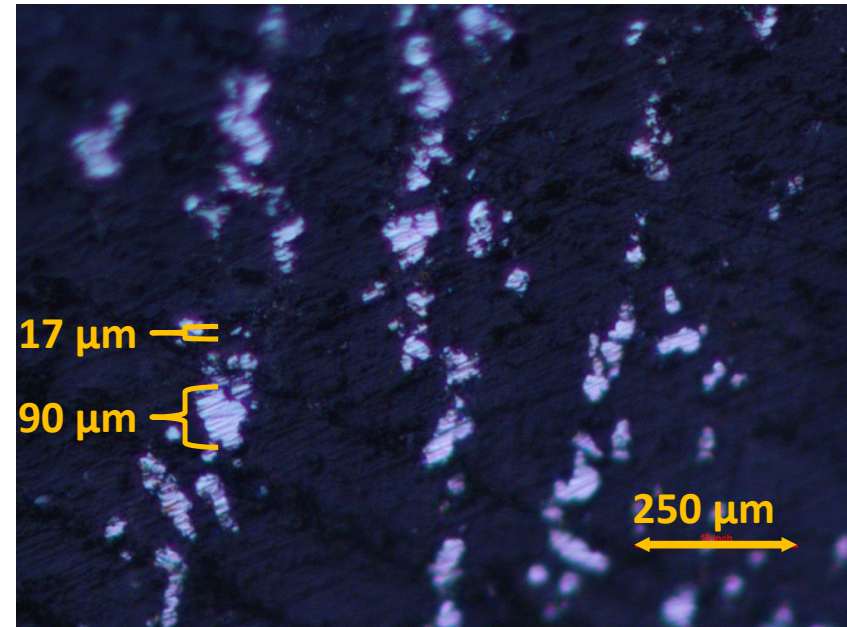
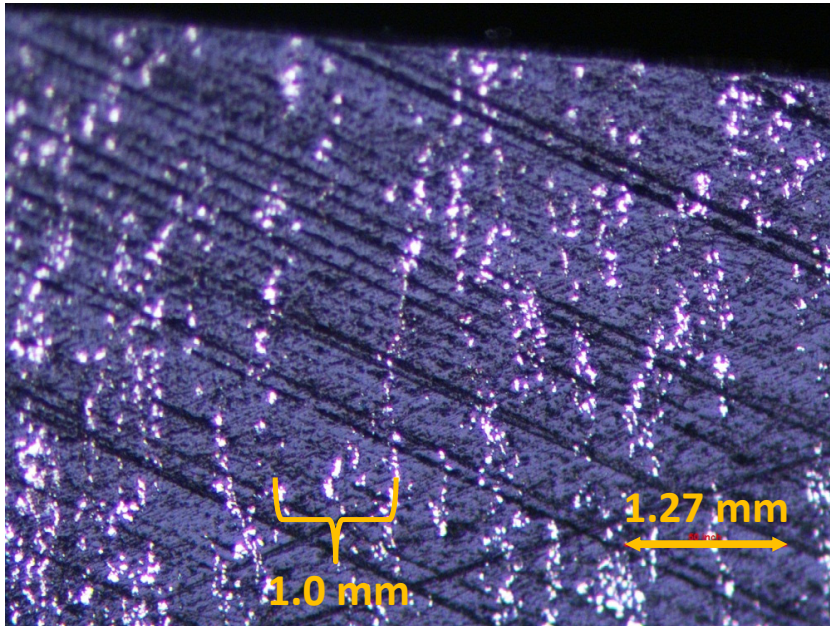
v_∞ imposed pulsating field



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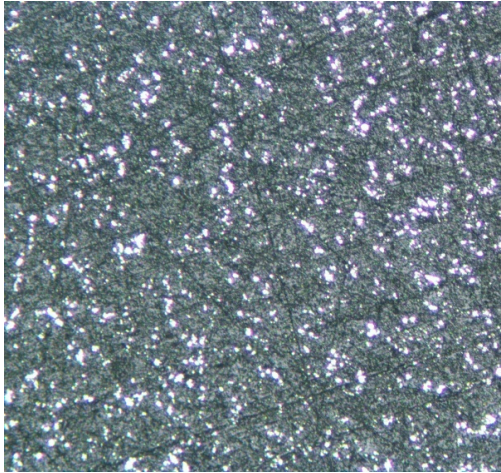


5 vol% 3-7 μm Nickel particles
Neodymium magnets 40mm separation
350 Hz vibration
212°F for 3 hours
Mold: 10 x 10 x 0.75 cm

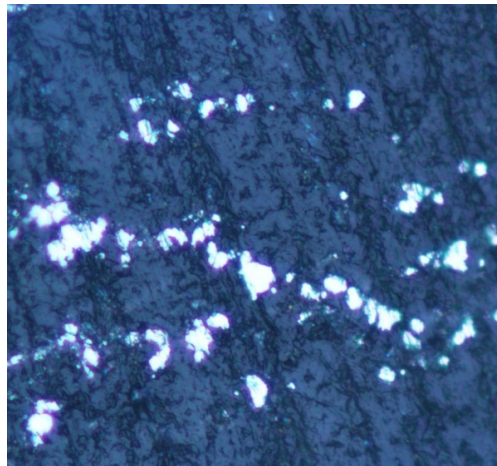
$\phi_c = 0.41$ (50 μm diameter, δ_c 10 nm)
 $\phi_{\text{exp}} = 0.10$
10 vol%, 10V, random orientation: 60s



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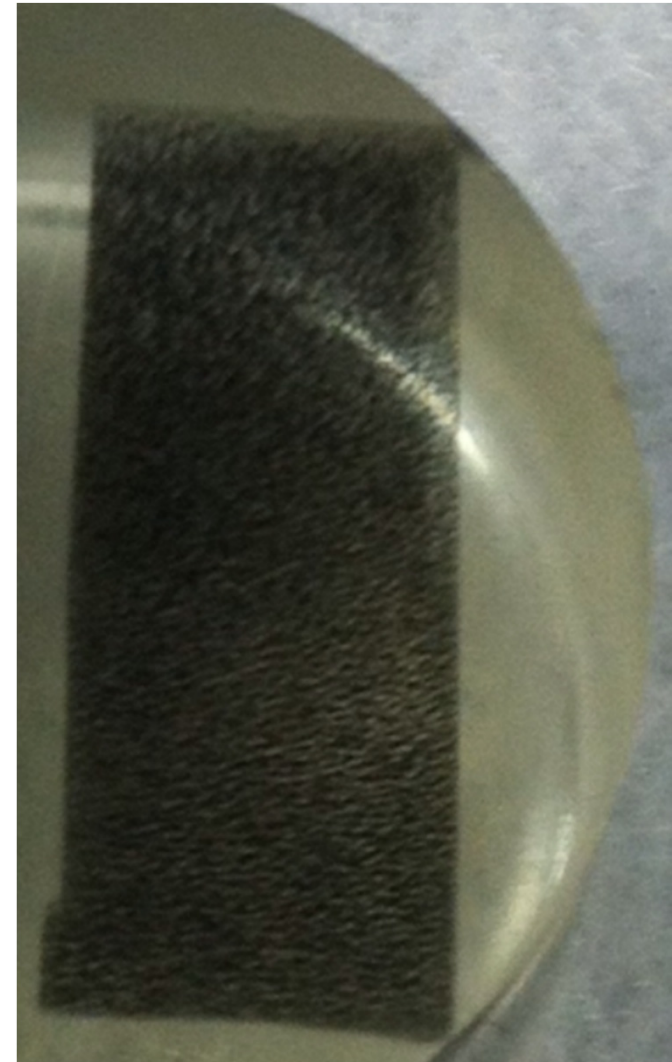
End View of Nickel



Side View Nickel

Tested several Copper, Steel,
and NiChrome mesh electrodes
100x100 Cu most promising

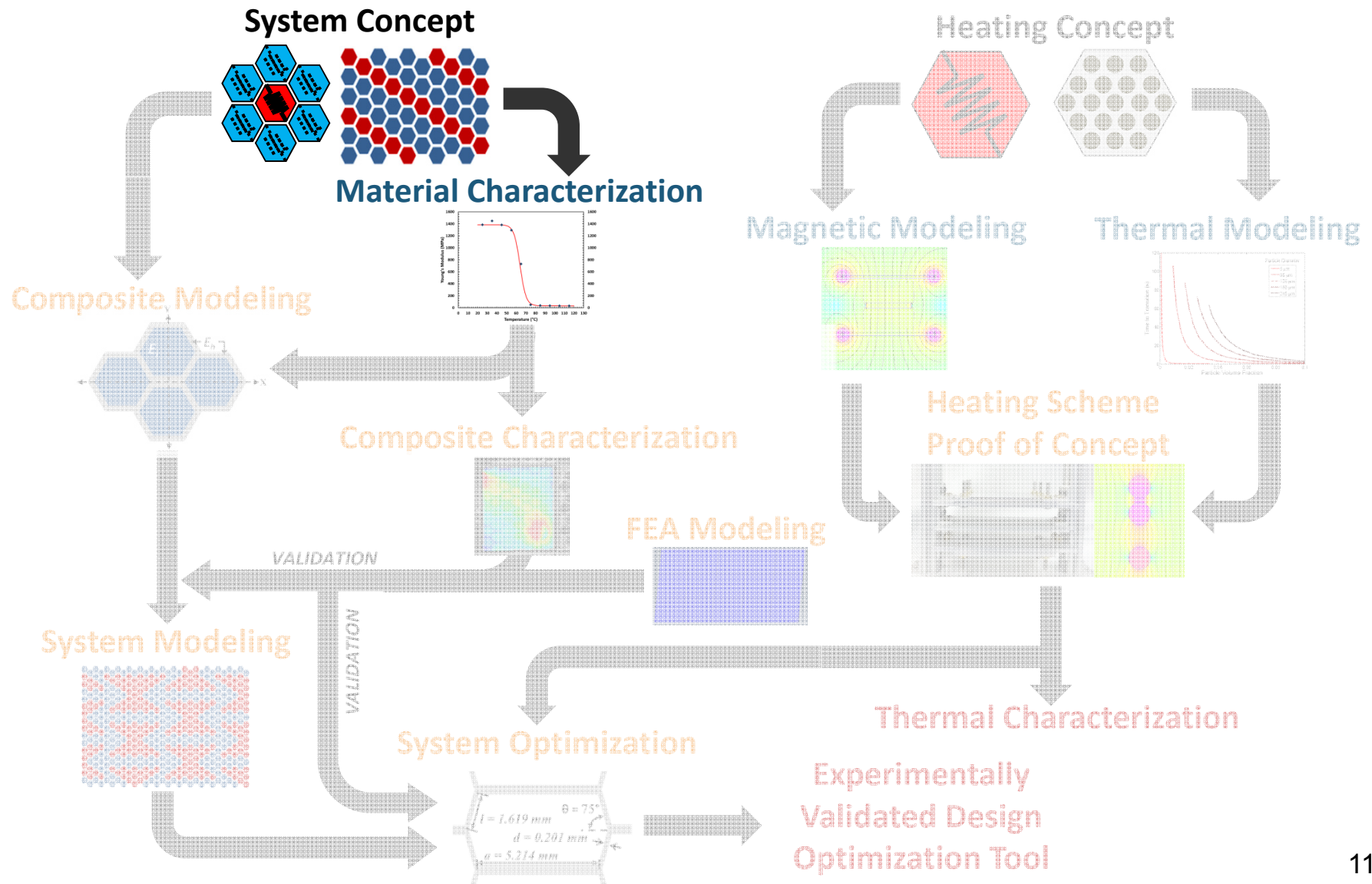
Current activation: 10V, ~60s



End View of Particle Chains



Project Roadmap



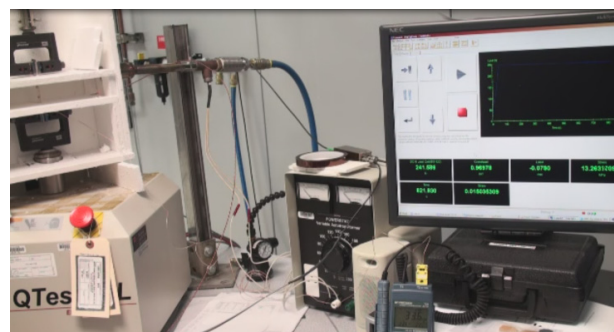


Epoxy SMP Characterization



Epoxy SMP Formulation

0.02 mol (7.28g) EPON 826
0.01 mol (2.3g) Jeffamine D230
100°C for 1.5hr, 130°C for 1hr

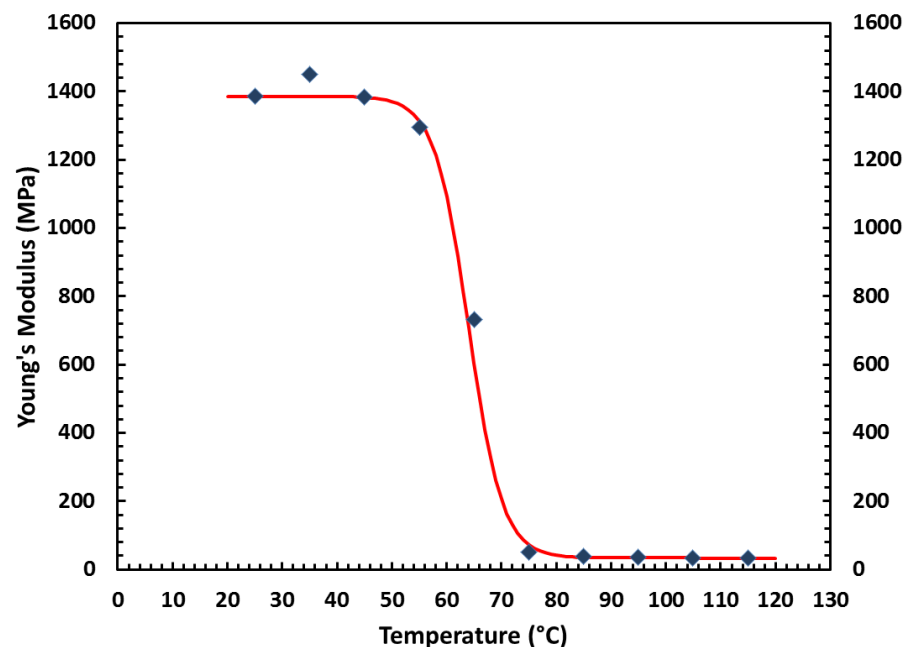


Epoxy SMP Characterization

Experimental Results

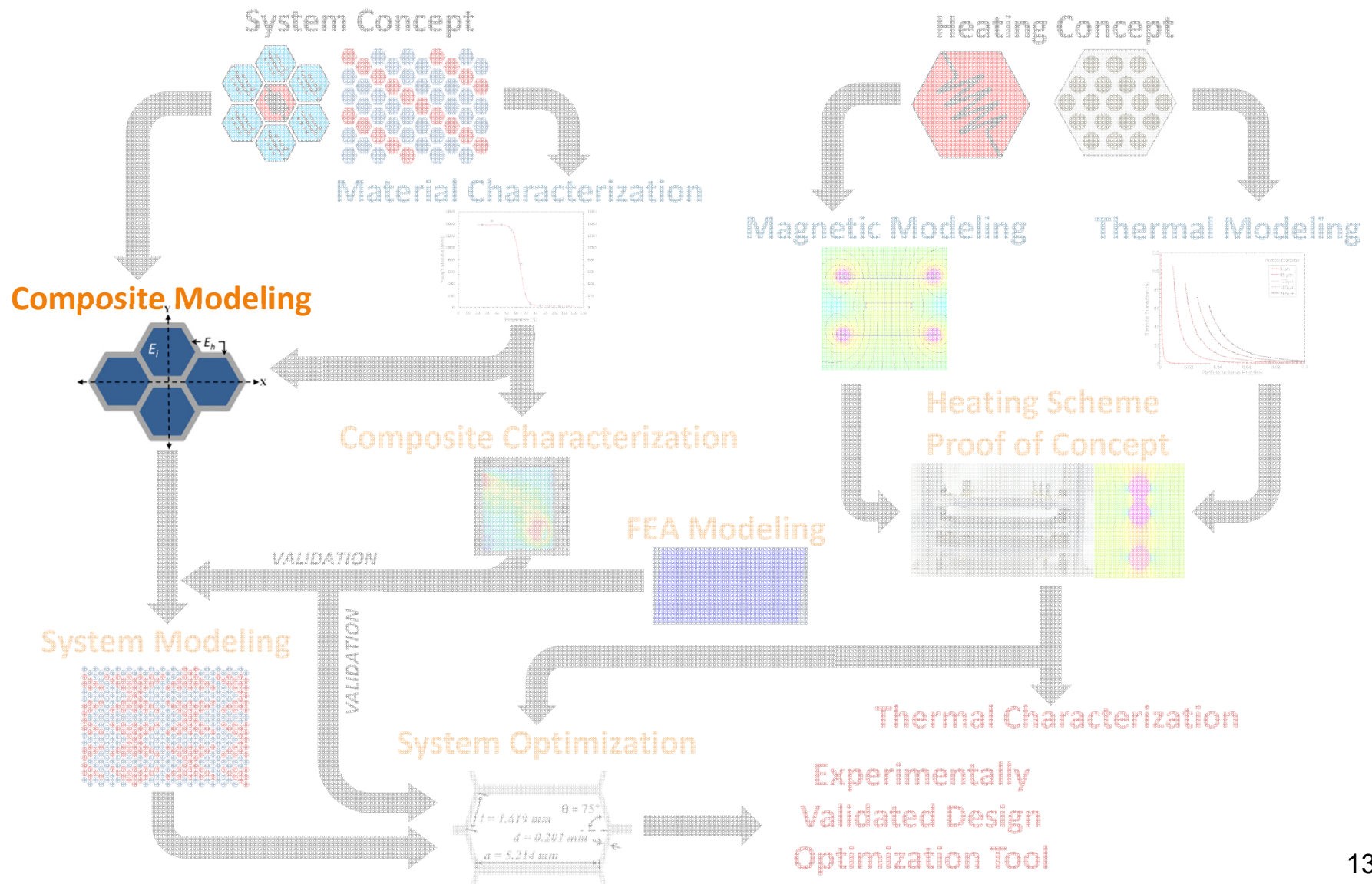
T_g	65 °C
E (ambient)	1300 MPa
E (115 °C)	19 MPa

Values consistent over several batches, 0-8 week sample age



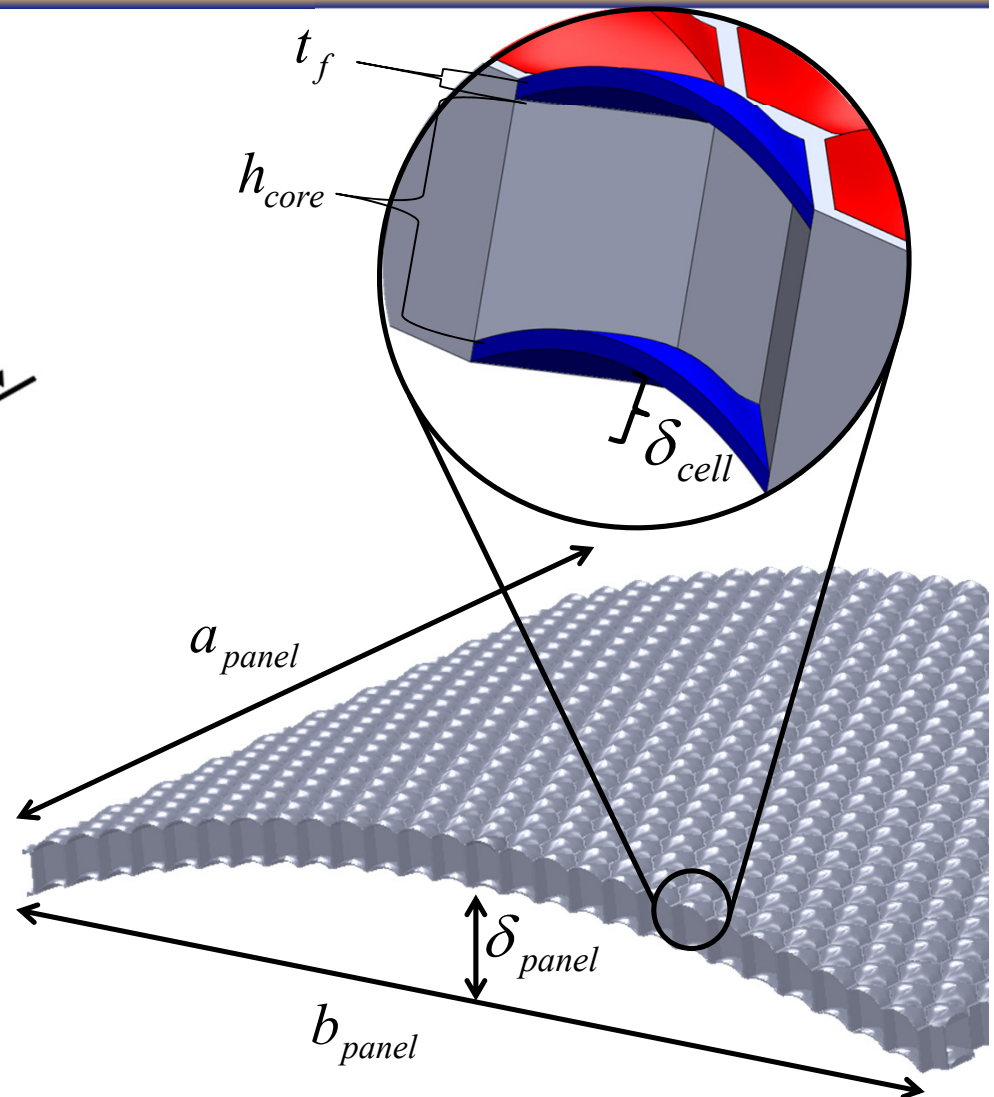
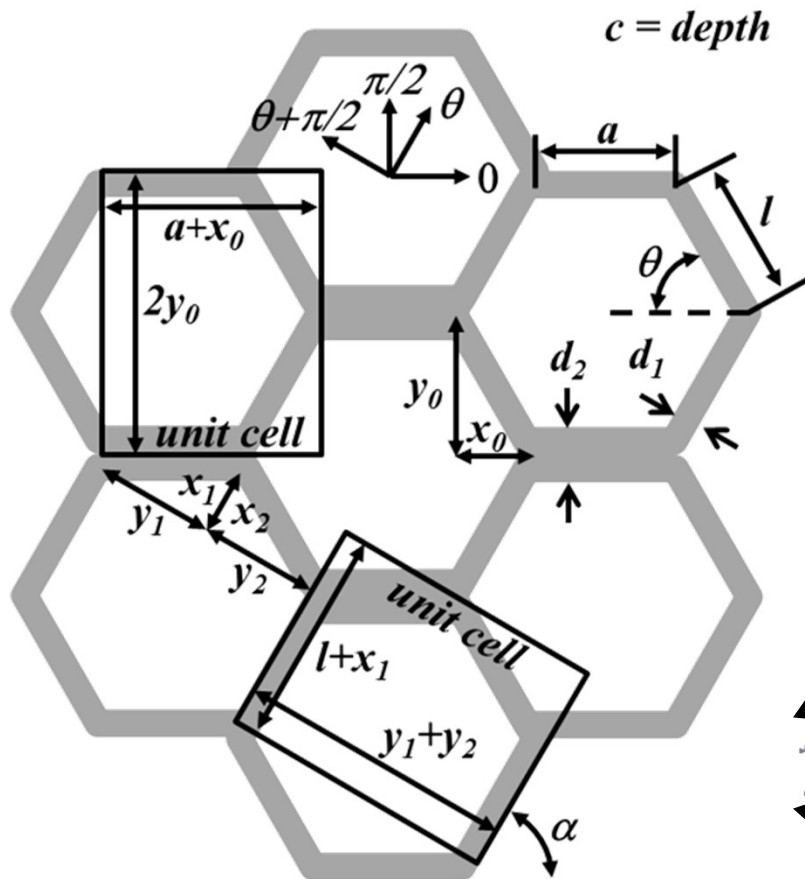


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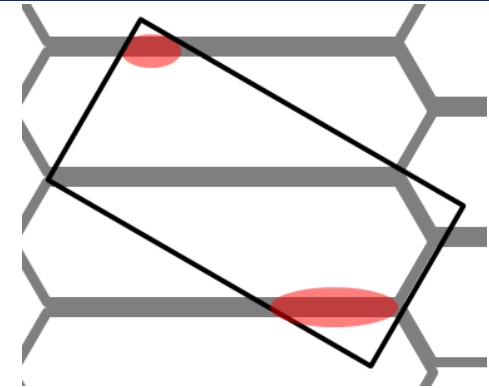
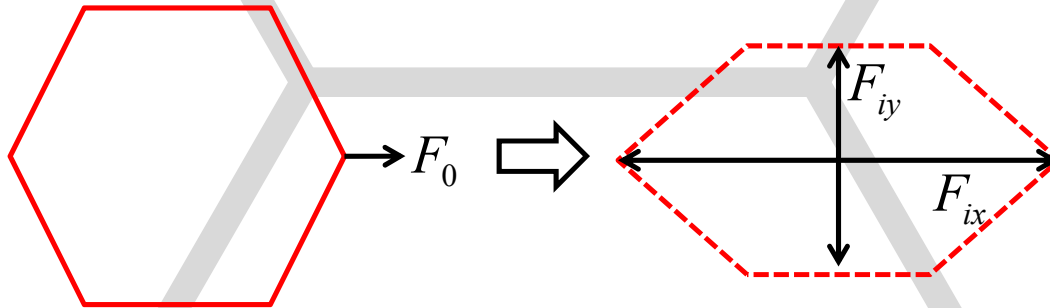


Composite Analytic Model

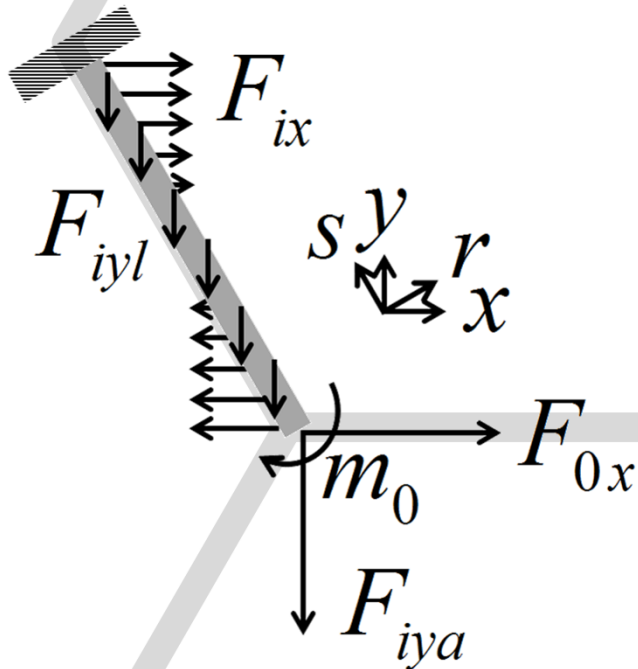




Composite Analytic Model



Non-compliant Geometry



$$\delta_j = \sum_m \left\{ \left[\int_0^{L_m} \frac{N_m^2}{2E_m A_m} \partial z + \int_0^{L_m} \frac{M_{x,m}^2}{2E_m I_{x,m}} \partial z \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial F_j} \right\}$$

$$\delta_0 = \delta_a + 2\delta_{lr} + 2\delta_{ls}$$

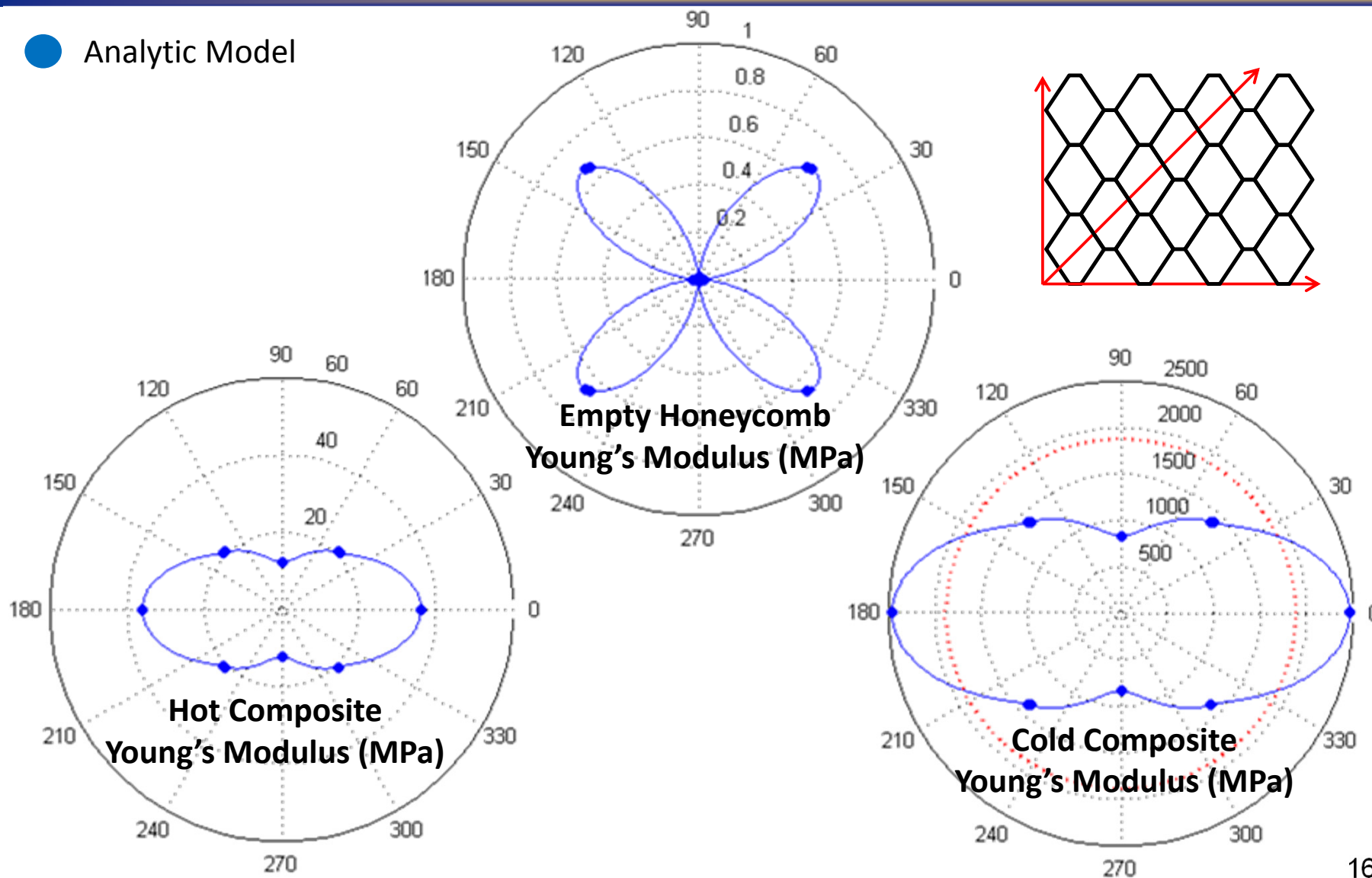
$$E_{c0} = \frac{F_{00}}{\delta_0} \frac{(a + x_0)}{2cy_0}$$



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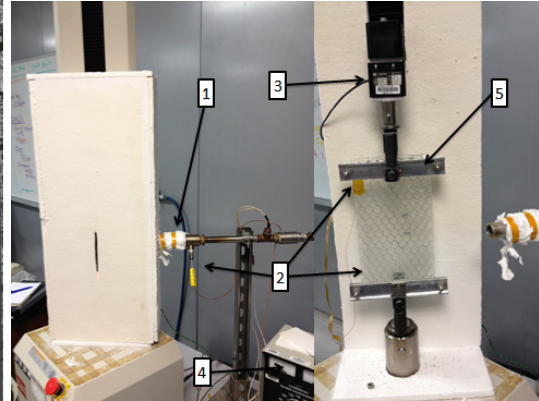
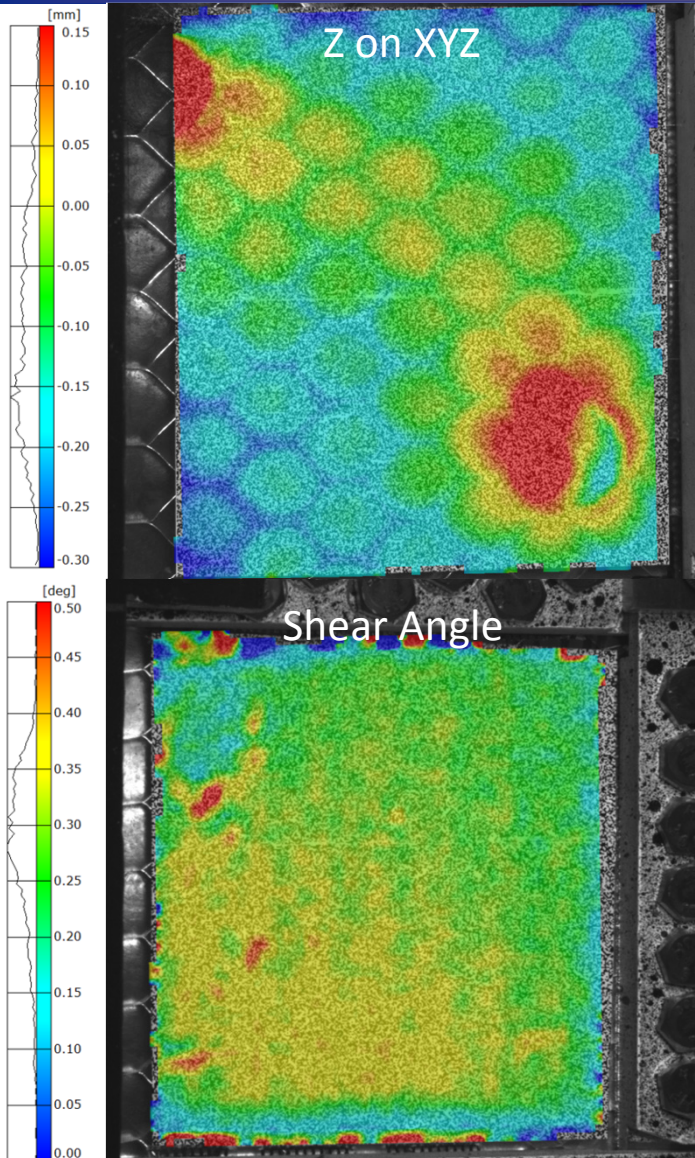
● Analytic Model







Composite Characterization



	23 °C	115 °C
E_{Epoxy}	1.3 GPa	19 MPa
E_{HX}	62.8 kPa	
E_{HY}	16.6 kPa	
E_{CX}	2.19 GPa	33.9 MPa
E_{CY}	2.04 GPa	11.8 MPa



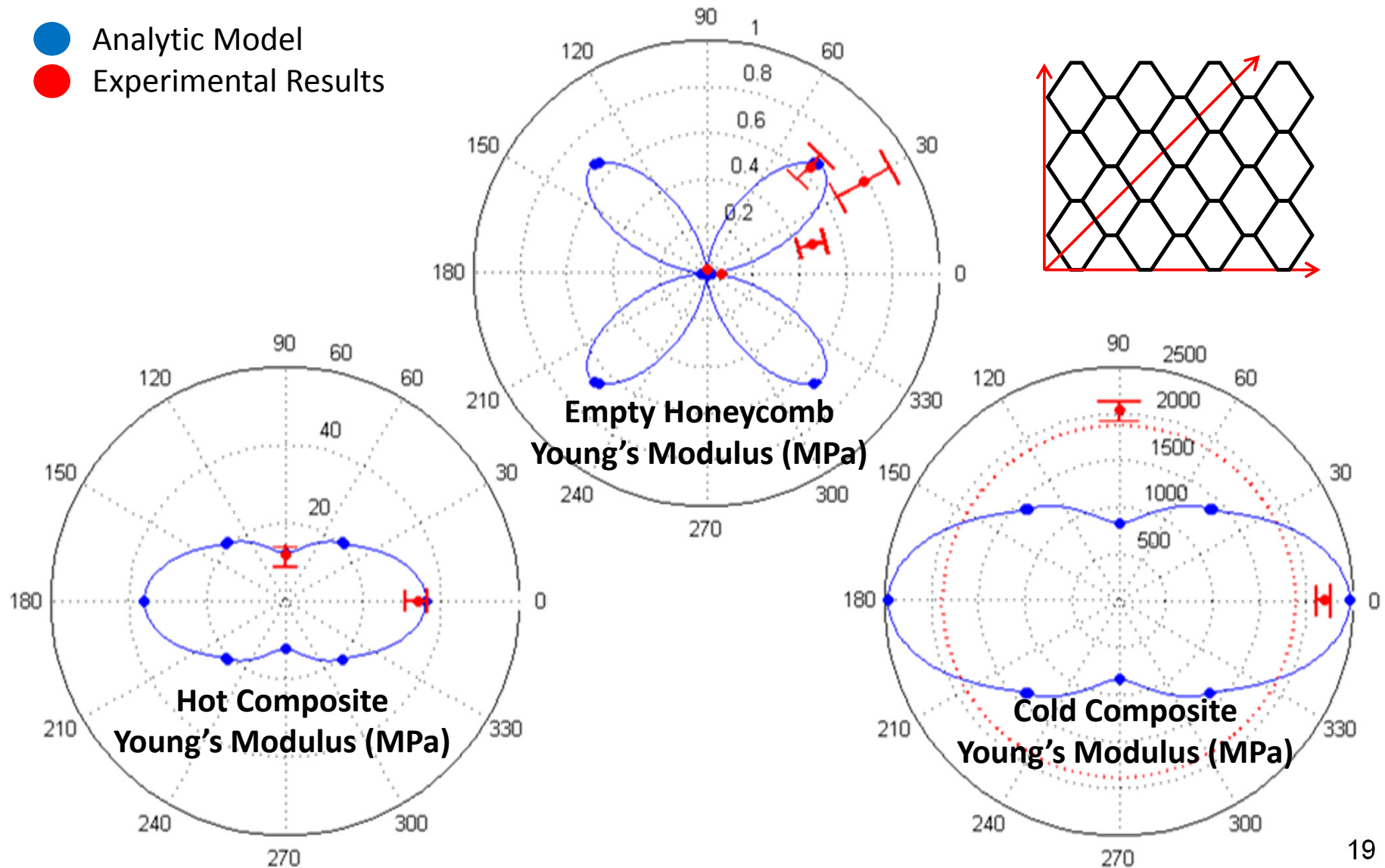
	23 °C	115 °C
G_{Epoxy}	1.27 GPa	1.06 MPa
G_{CXy}	1.19 GPa	13.9 MPa
G_{CYx}	1.13 GPa	13.0 MPa



Composite Characterization

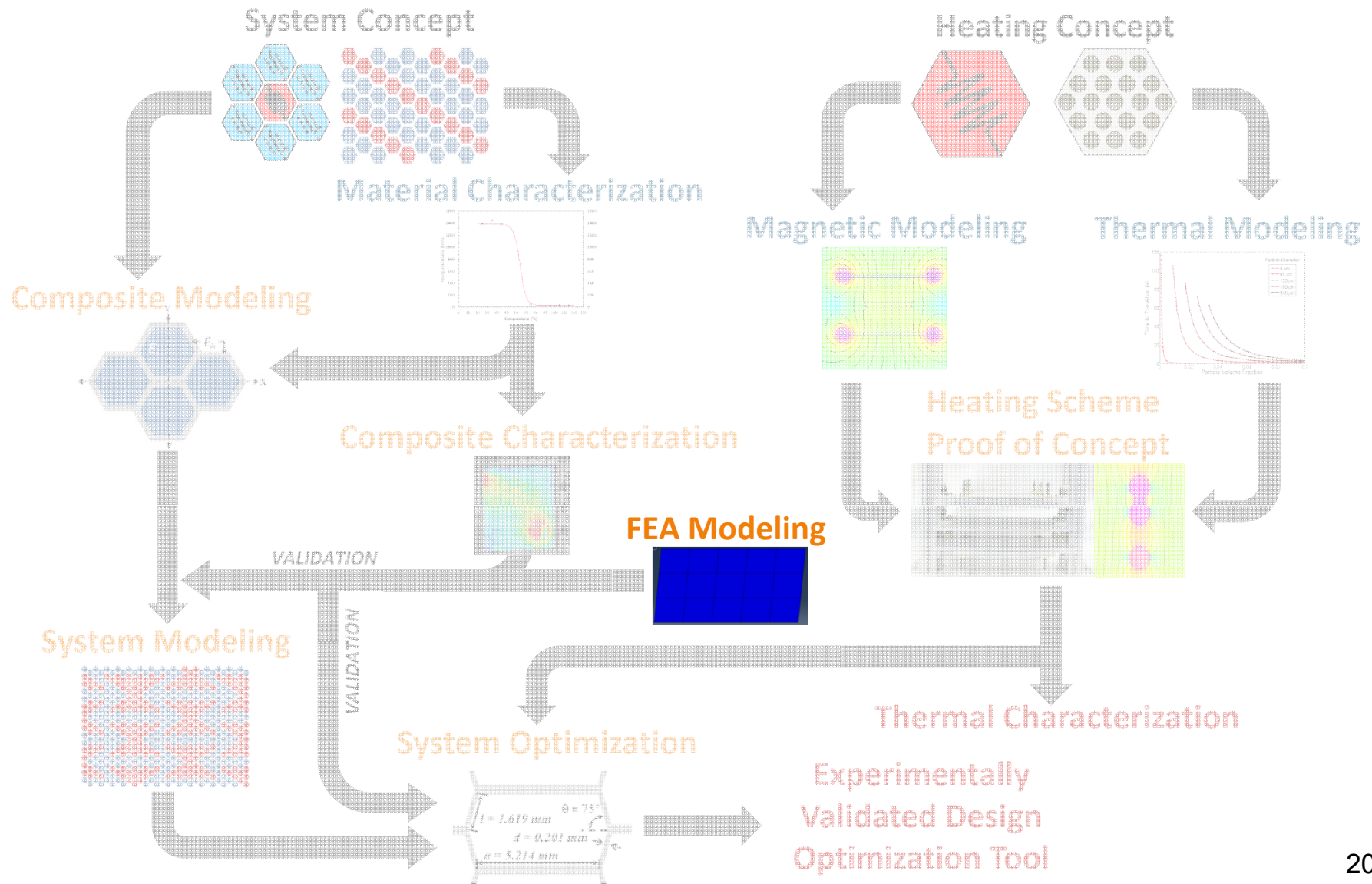


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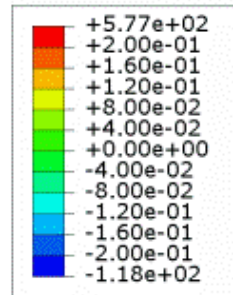
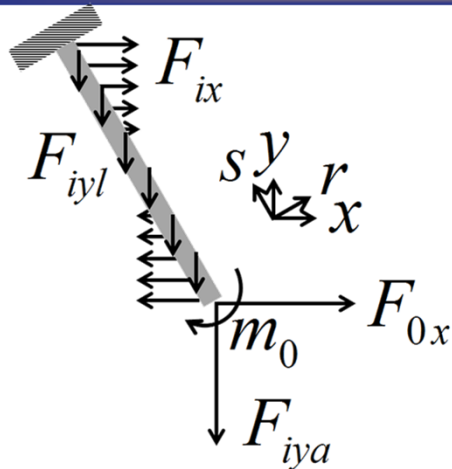


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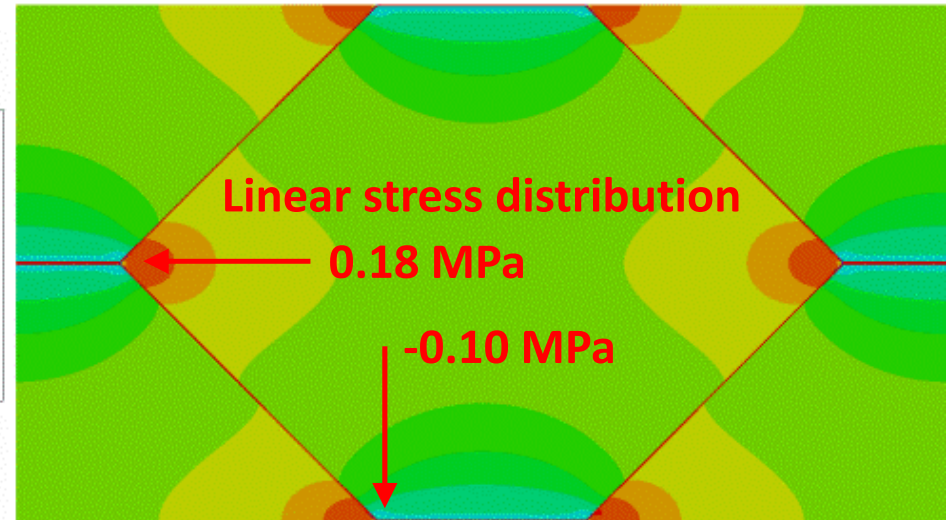




Composite FEA Model

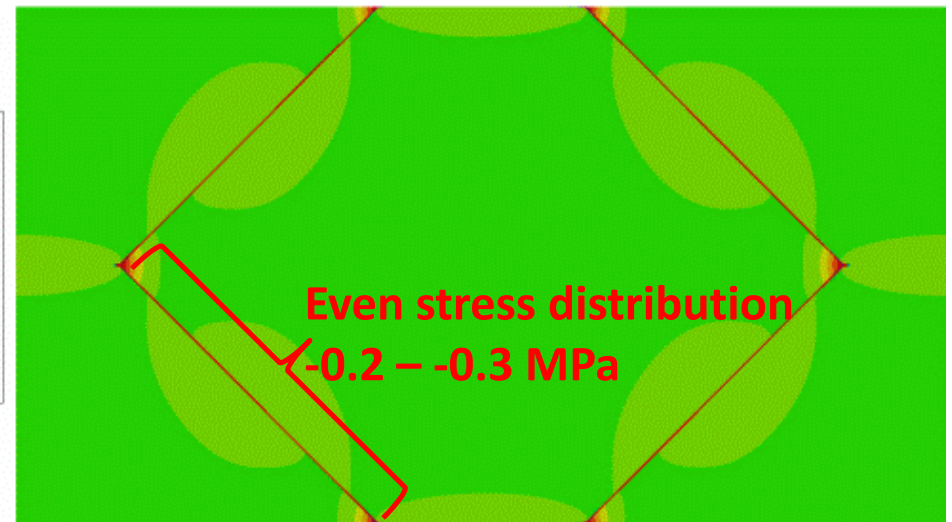
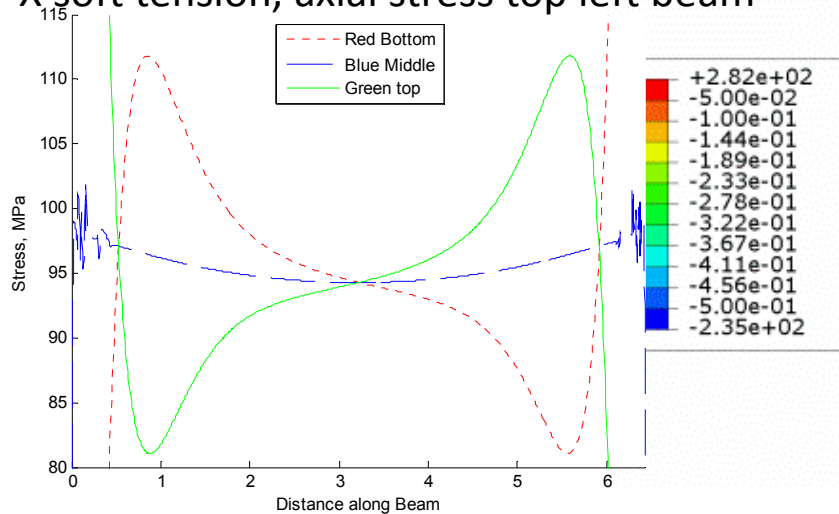


FEA supports force distribution assumption of analytic model



X Soft Tensile, S11 (MPa)

X soft tension, axial stress top left beam



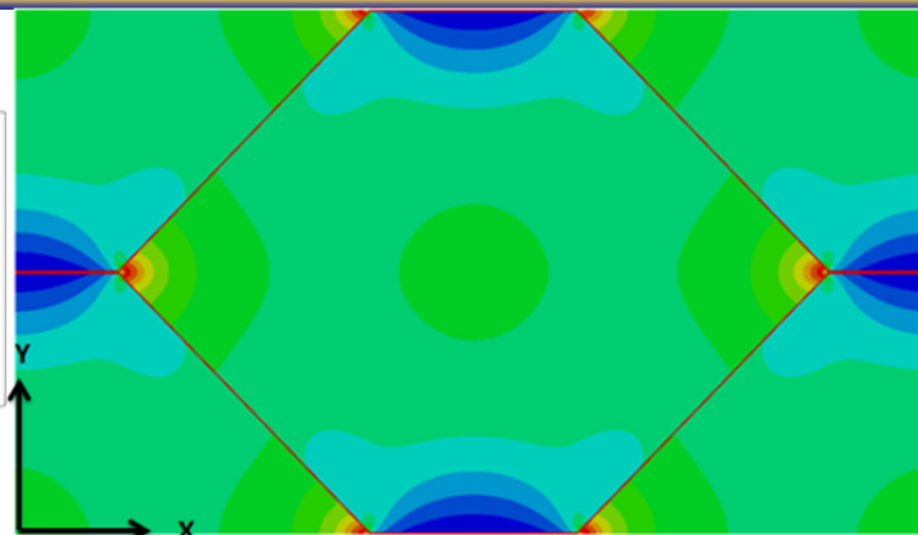
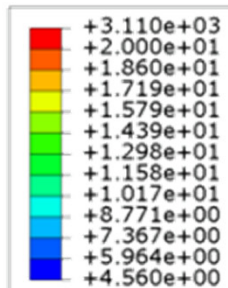
X Soft Tensile, S22 (MPa)



Composite FEA Model

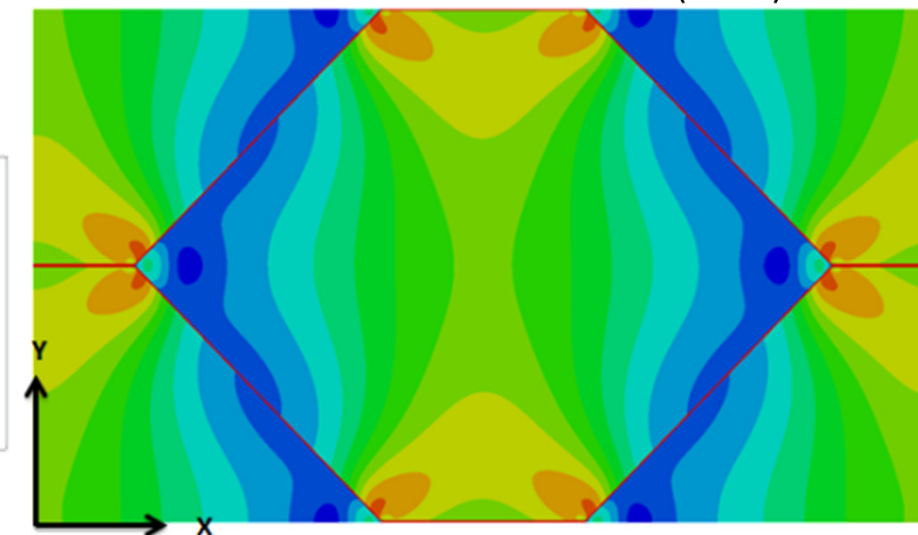
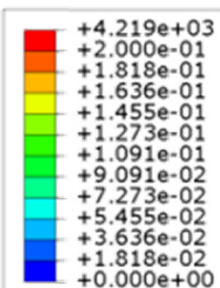
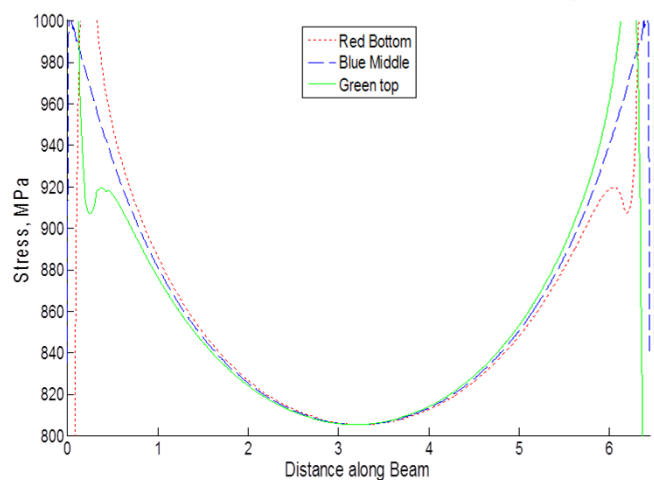


	23 °C	115 °C
E_{CX}	1.40 GPa	52.4 MPa
E_{CY}	1.08 GPa	17.9 MPa
G_{CXY}	0.81 GPa	16.3 MPa
G_{CYX}	0.81 GPa	16.4 MPa



X Hard Von-Mises Stress (MPa)

X hard tension, axial stress top left beam



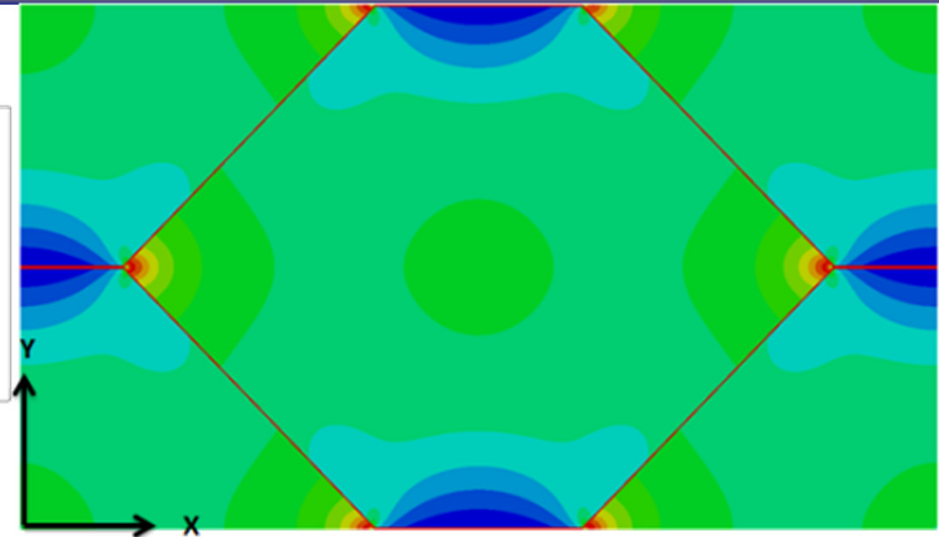
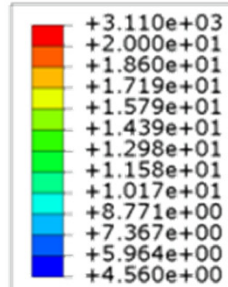
XY Hard Von-Mises Stress (MPa)



Composite FEA Model

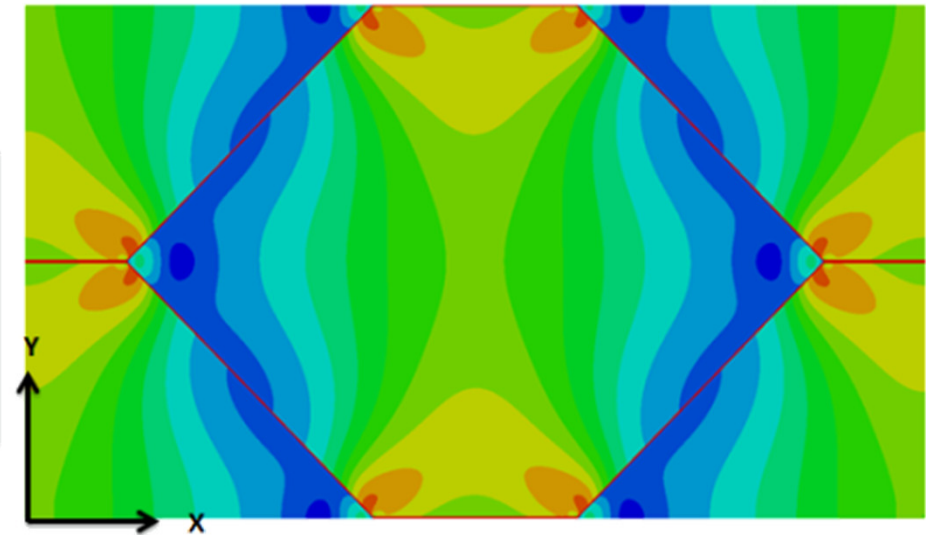
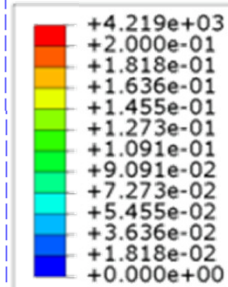
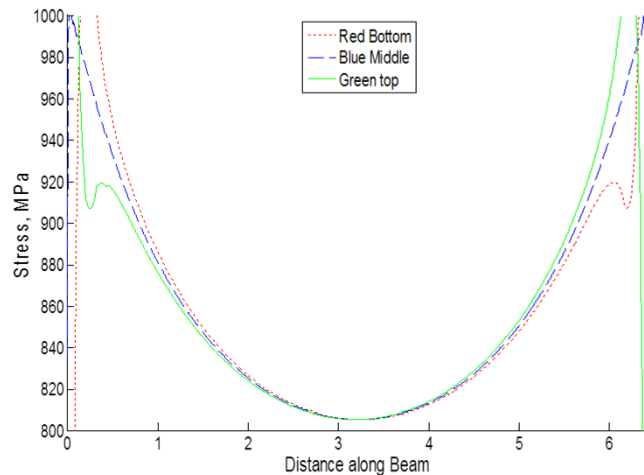


	23 °C	115 °C
E_{CX}	TBD	TBD
E_{CY}	TBD	TBD
G_{CXY}	TBD	TBD
G_{CYX}	TBD	TBD



X Hard Von-Mises Stress (MPa)

X hard tension, axial stress top left beam



XY Hard Von-Mises Stress (MPa)

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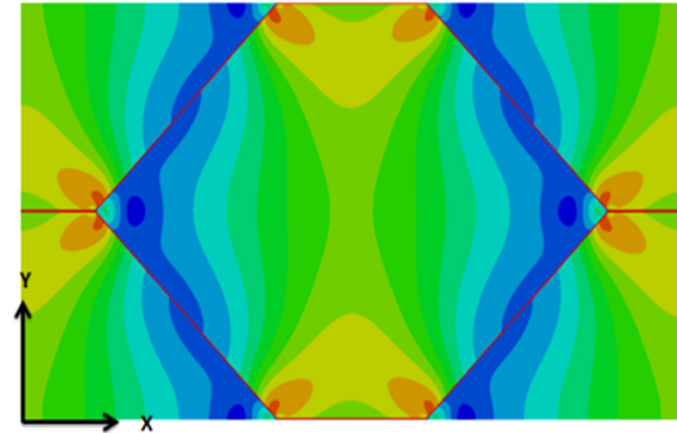
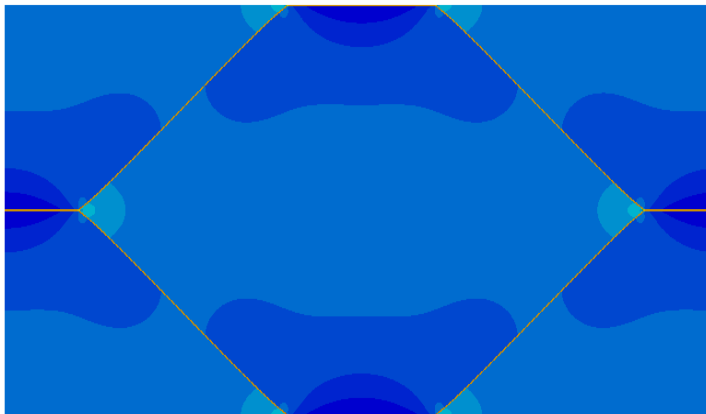
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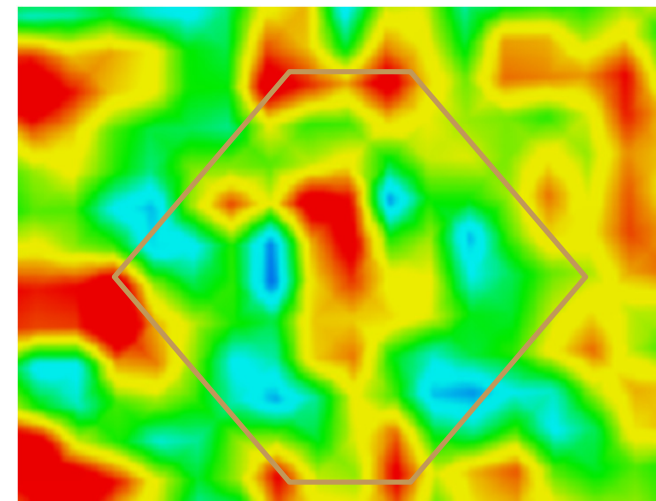
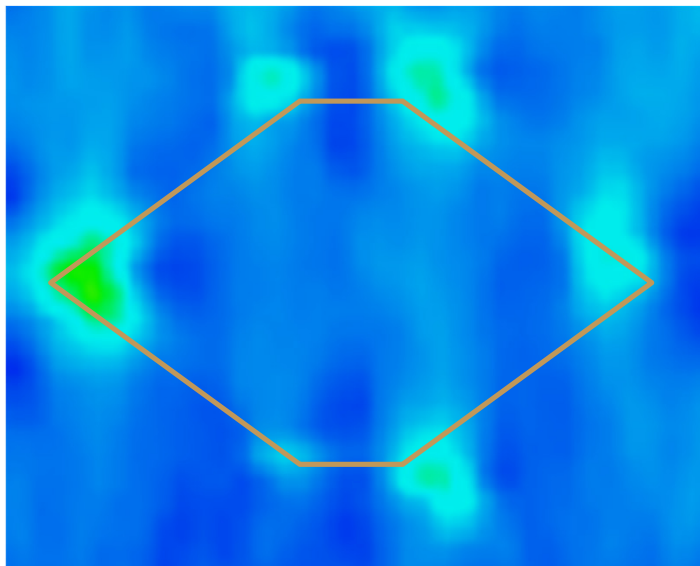
Tension (Von-Mises Stress)

Shear (Von-Mises Stress)

FEA



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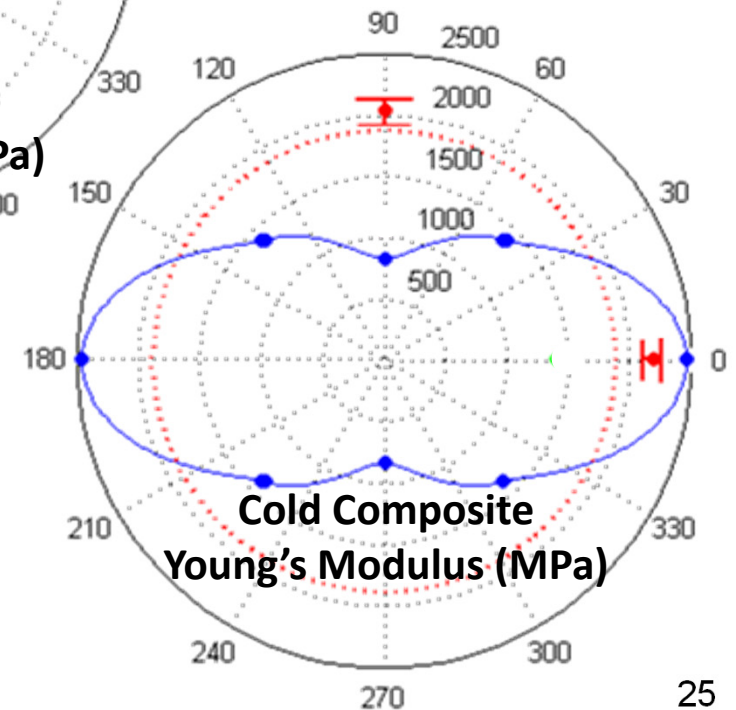
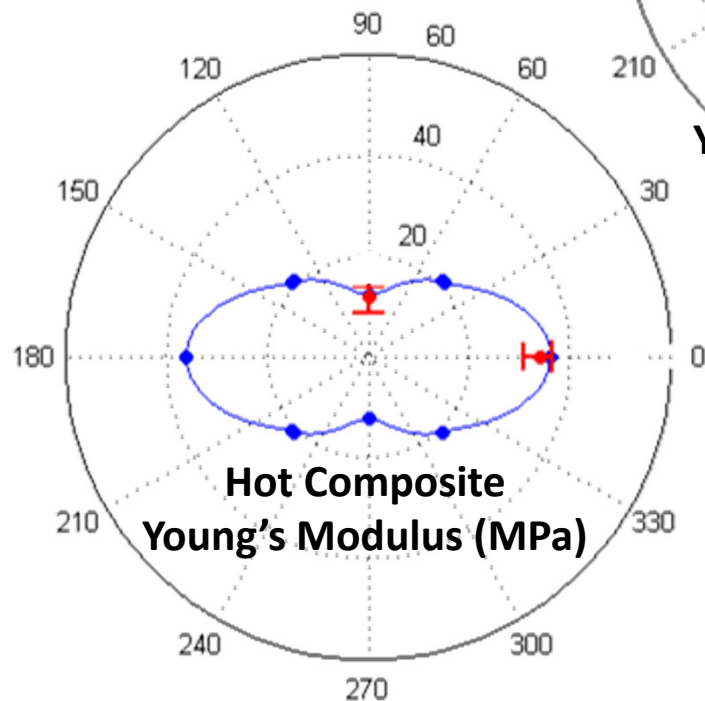
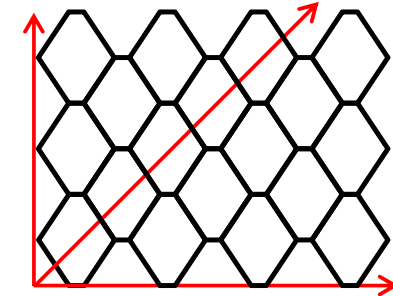
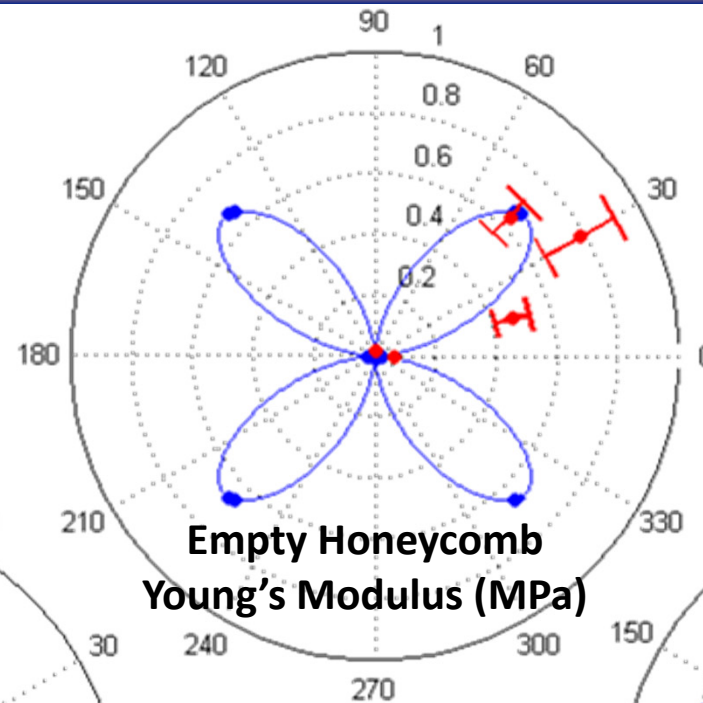




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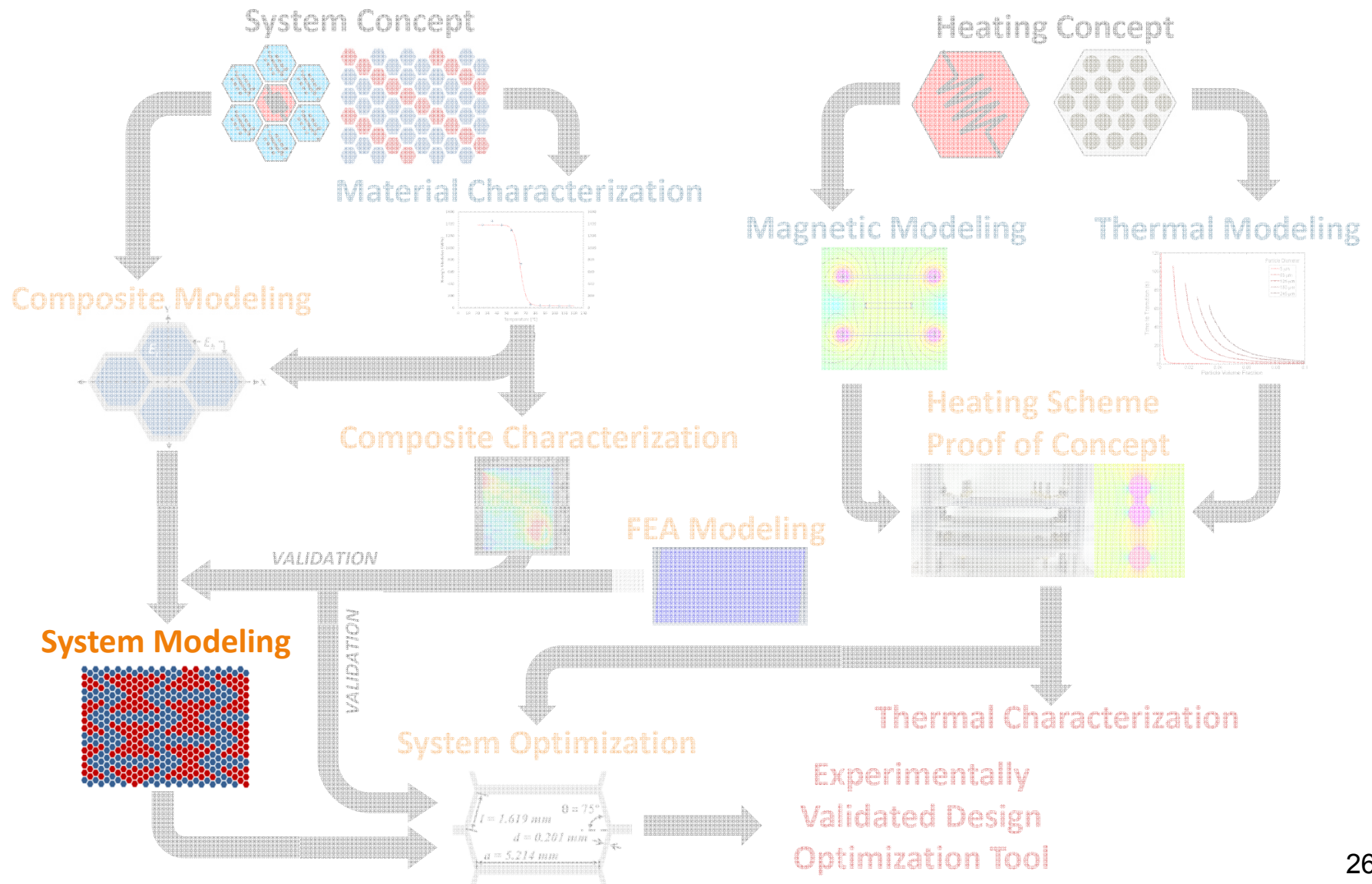


- Analytic Model
- Experimental Results
- FEA Results





Project Roadmap





System Modeling



Low fidelity FEA

Homogenization scheme using
effective composite properties

Plane Stress (z direction neglected)

In-plane only

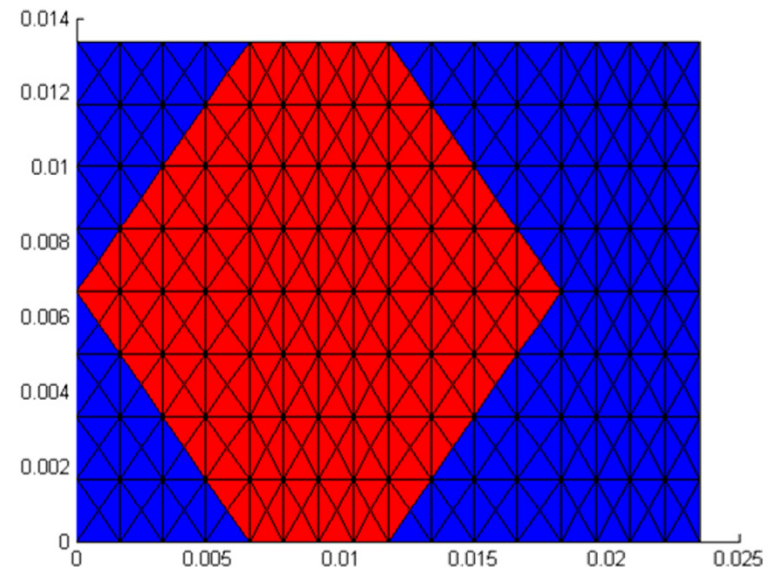
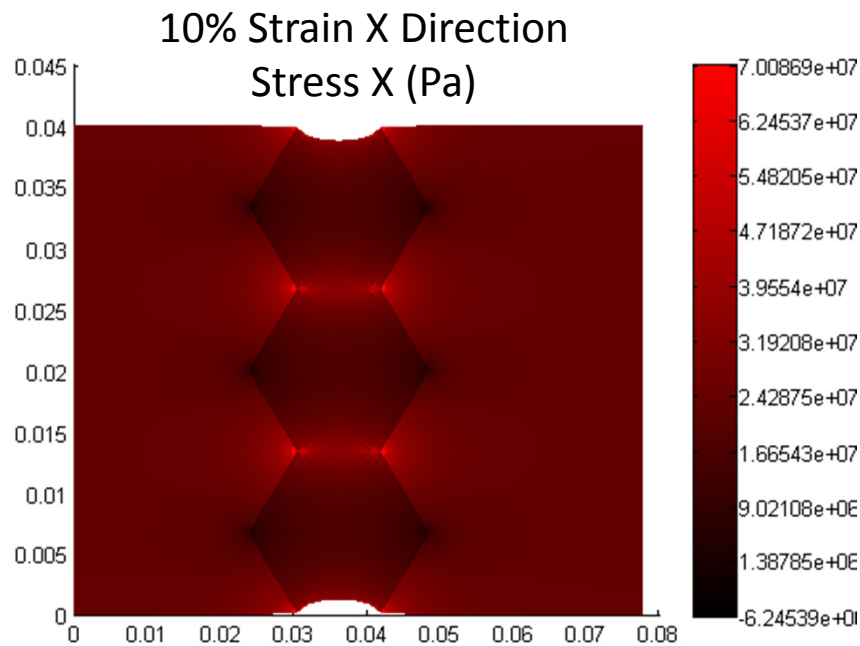
Calculates effective E_x , E_y , G_{xy} , G_{yx}
given heating pattern

Material Stiffness Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{11} \\ \varepsilon_{22} \\ \varepsilon_{12} \\ \varepsilon_{21} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_1} & -\frac{\nu_{21}}{E_2} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{12}}{E_1} & \frac{1}{E_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{12}} \rightarrow \frac{\mu_{12,21}}{G_{21}} \\ 0 & 0 \rightarrow \frac{\mu_{21,12}}{G_{12}} & \frac{1}{G_{21}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

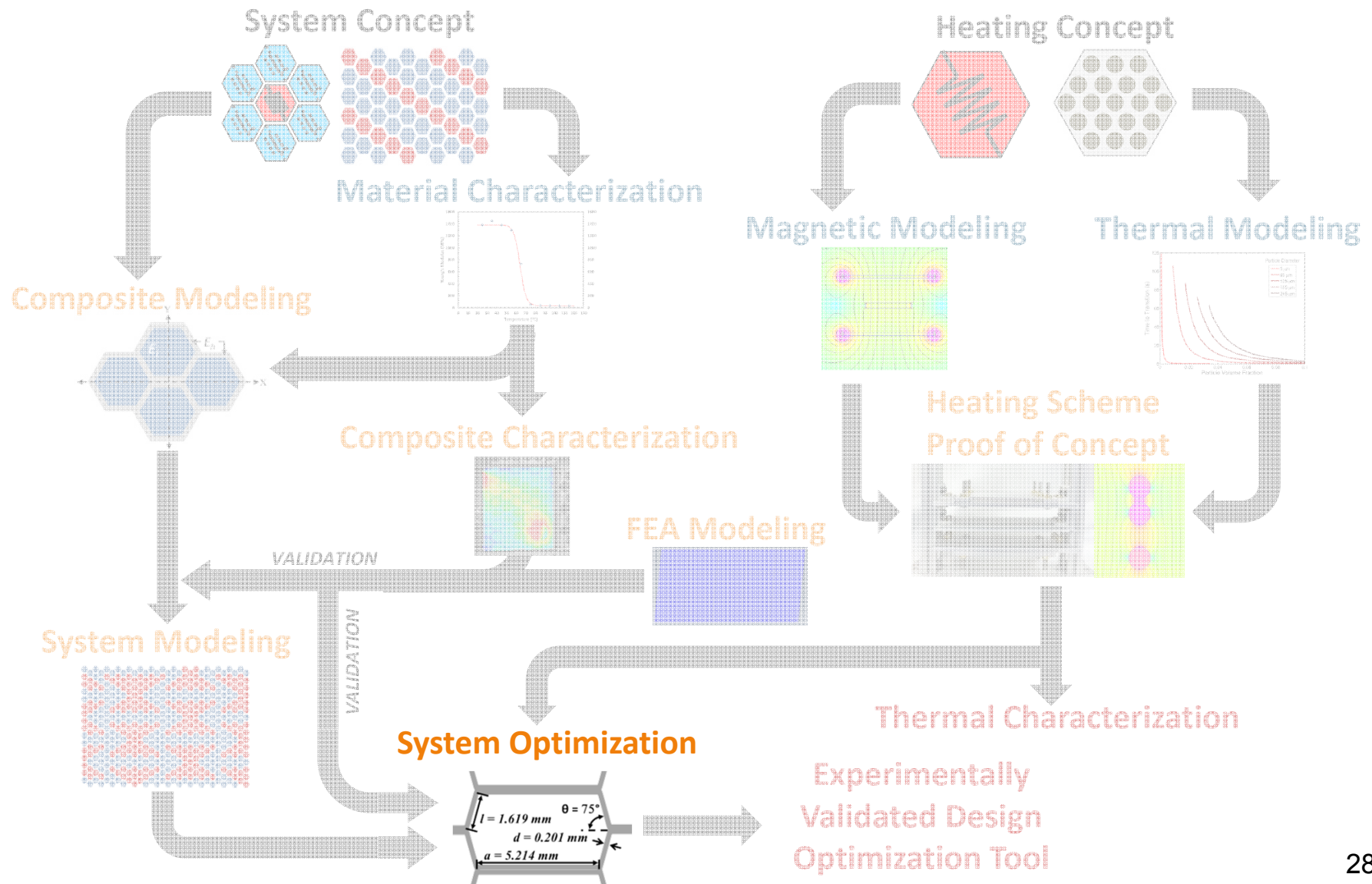
$$\mu_{12,21} = \frac{1}{\mu_{21,12}} = \frac{(l^3 + a^3 \cos^2(\theta))(a + x_0)}{2y_0 a^3 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta)}$$

Non-zero shear coupling (Chentsov) coefficients





Project Roadmap





Honeycomb Geometry Optimization



Design Variables

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq l(m) < \infty \\ 0.00005 \leq d(m) < \infty \\ 0 \leq a(m) < \infty \\ 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 \leq h_{core}(m) < \infty \\ 0 \leq t_f(m) < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Optimization Function

$$F_{ext} = ave(E_{call}) \epsilon_{max} b_{panel} (h_{core} + 2t_f)$$

MAS Program Constraints

$$\delta = \delta_{panel} + \delta_{cell} \leq 2.54 \text{ mm}$$

$$\delta_{panel} = \frac{C_0 w b_{panel}^4}{6 E_f h_{core}^2 t_f} \left(\frac{1 - \nu_f^2}{0.91} \right)$$

$$\delta_{cell} = \frac{C_0 w \min(2y_0, a + x_0)^4}{E_i t_f^2} \left(\frac{1 - \nu_i^2}{0.91} \right)$$

$$W_{skinmax} \leq 4.6 \frac{kg}{m^3} = \rho_{skin} (h_{core} + 2t_f)$$

$$\rho_{skin} = \rho_{core} \frac{h_{core}}{h_{core} + 2t_f} + \rho_f \frac{2t_f}{h_{core} + 2t_f}$$

Self-Imposed Constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{xmax} &> 0.1 \\ \epsilon_{ymax} &> 0.1 \\ \frac{1}{2} < \frac{2y_0}{a + x_0} < 2 \end{aligned}$$

Equation Constraints

Unit Cell Equations

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta)} \\ &\leq \frac{2\sin(\theta) - \sin(2\theta)\cos(\theta)}{\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta)} \\ &\geq 0 \\ &\geq \frac{\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\theta\right)}{\cos(\theta)} \end{aligned} \right.$$

Thin Beam Theory

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{a}{8} \\ &\leq \frac{l}{8} \end{aligned} \right.$$

Sandwich Plate Deflection

$$\delta \leq (h_{core} + 2t_f)$$

$$\delta_{cell} \leq t_f$$

Material Properties Constraints

$$\frac{C_1 w b_{panel}^2}{t_f h_{core}} = \sigma_{max} \leq \frac{1.0E7(Pa)}{2} = \frac{\sigma_f}{FOS}$$

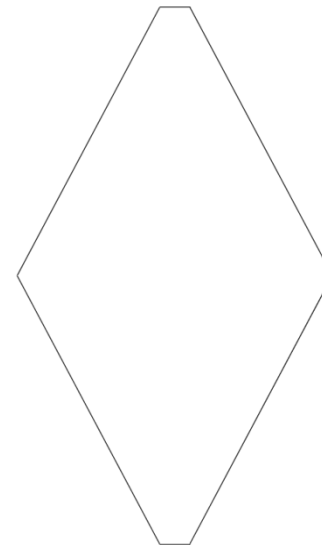
$$\epsilon_{xmax} \leq \epsilon_{yf} = \frac{l(\cos(\beta_x) - \cos(\theta))}{a + l \cos(\theta)}$$

$$\beta_x = \cos^{-1} \left[\frac{\epsilon_{yf} a}{l} + \cos(\theta)(\epsilon_{yf} + 1) \right]$$

$$\epsilon_{ymax} \leq \epsilon_{yf} = \frac{\sin(\beta_y) - \sin(\theta)}{\sin(\theta)}$$

$$\beta_y = \cos^{-1} [\sin(\theta)(\epsilon_{yf} + 1)]$$

$$\epsilon_{yf} = 200\%$$

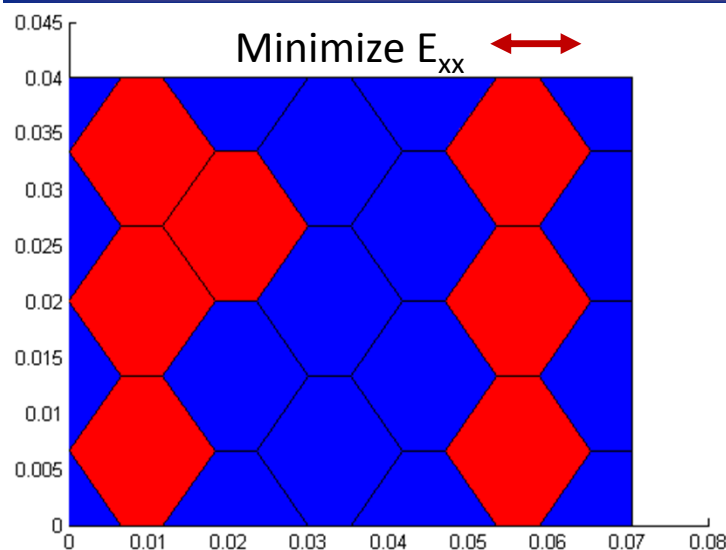


Optimized Geometry

l	10 mm
a	1.0 mm
d	0.05 mm
θ	62°
h_{core}	172 mm
t_f	2.5 mm



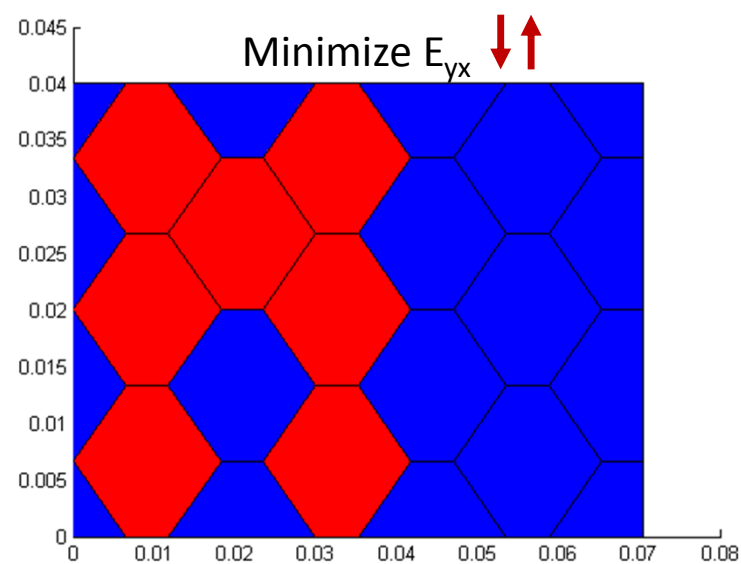
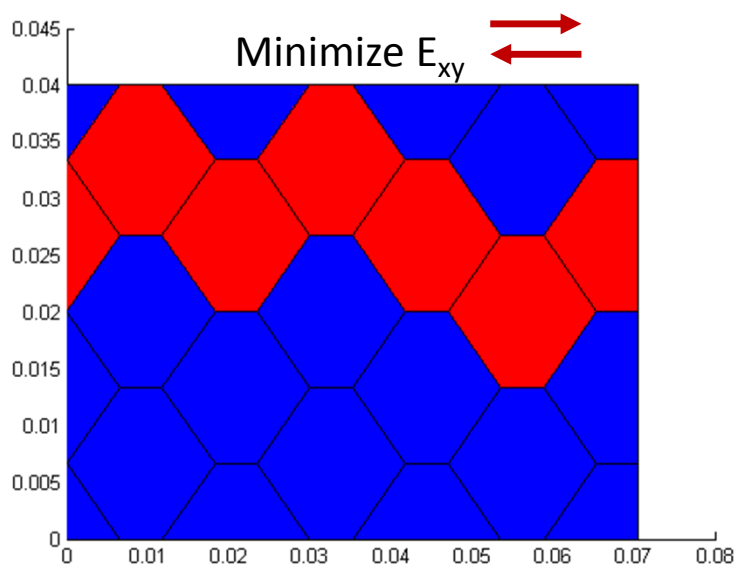
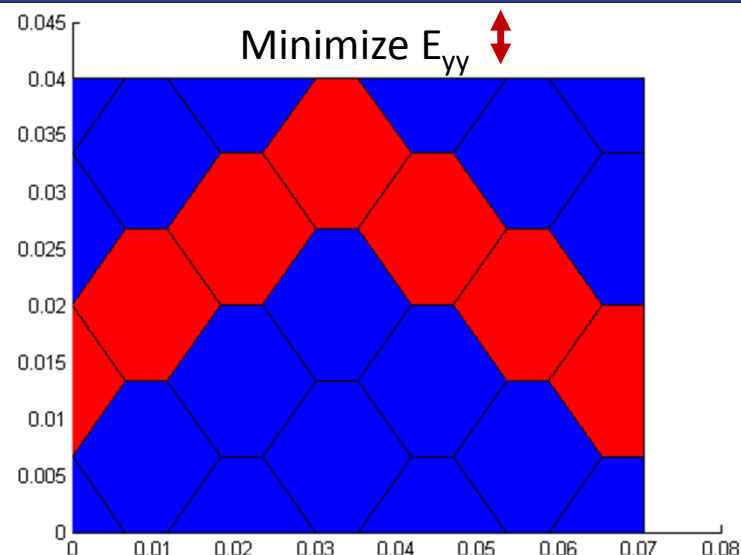
Heating Pattern Optimization



Genetic Algorithm

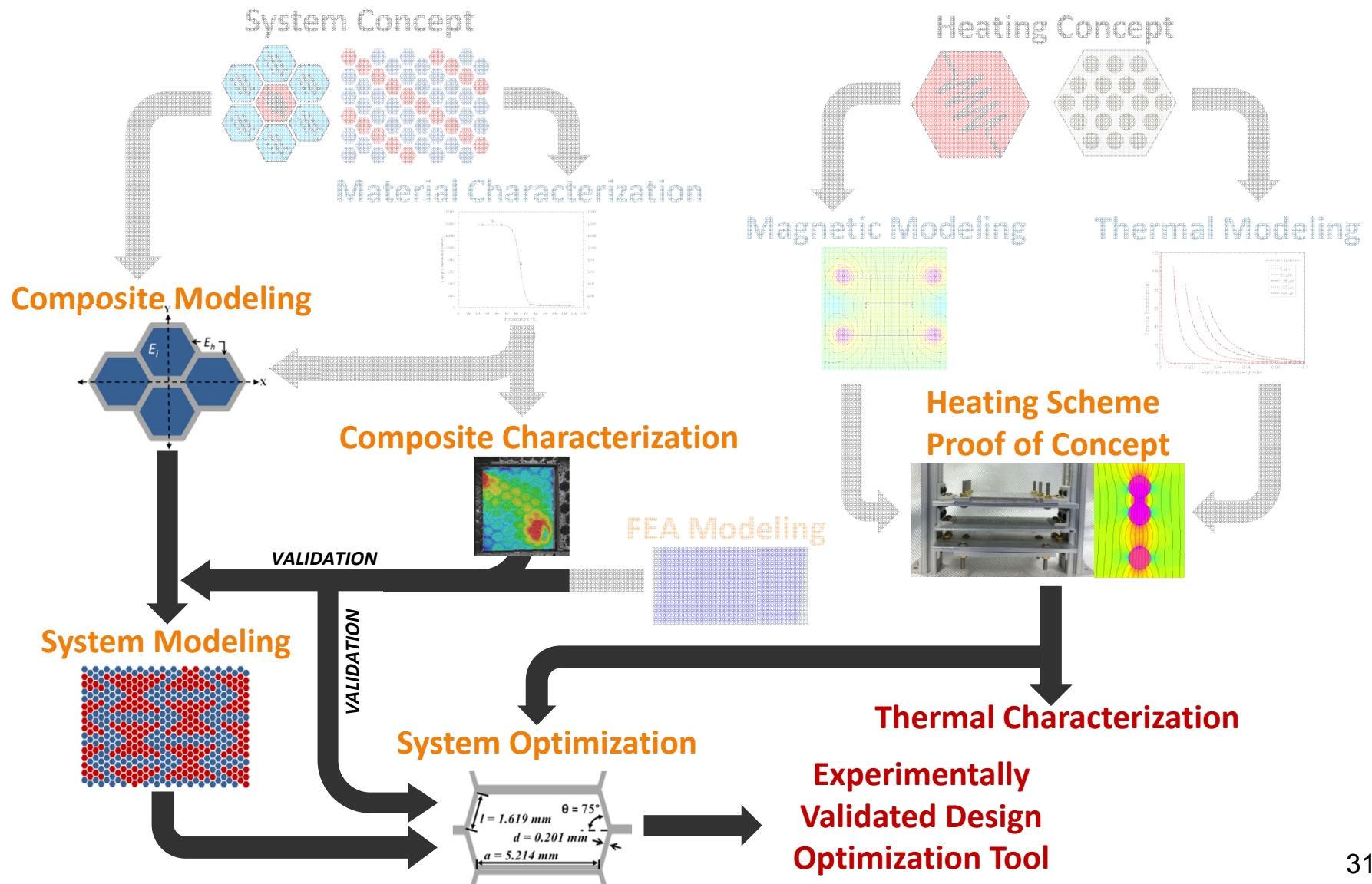
13 full cells
12 partial cells
7 hot cells
18 cold cells

Not included:
Out-of-plane def.
Deformation req.





Project Roadmap





Future Work

Future Work System Scheme

- Heating Pattern Optimization
- System Integration / Fabrication
- System Characteristics Envelope

Future Work Heating Scheme

- Thermal characterization of heating scheme
- Thermal diffusion between cells
- Direct write electrodes (variable patterns)



Conclusions



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- **Viable Option for Morphing Structures**
- **30-40% In-plane Strain Achievable**
- **Accurate Analytic Model of Filled Honeycomb**
- **Optimistic High Thickness SMP Heating Scheme**